



# The 1851 Chronicle

LASSELL COLLEGE'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER

## Record breaking 2013

### Freshmen commence and conquer campus

By Briana Nestor  
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The class of 2013 arrived on campus over Labor Day weekend as Lasell's largest incoming class thus far. There are a total of 580 freshmen and transfer students on campus for the 2009/2010 academic year. Dean of Undergraduate Admissions James Tweed said that out of the 3,700 plus applicants, roughly 60 percent were admitted into the school. Out of those 580 students, 20 different states and 17 foreign countries are represented.

"From 2007 to 2008, we had a 14 percent increase [in freshmen and transfer students] and from 2008 to 2009, we had a four percent increase, so that's up nearly 20 percent in the past two years," said Tweed, of the record number of new students. Tweed also said that slightly more male students had applied for the 2009-2010 academic year than in the past, which will help Lasell in achieving the goals of gender balance and diversity on campus.

"Our enrollment team is really good and there is continuity in that team. I believe the reputation and the visibility of the school is growing and being reflected by word of mouth from students about how much they like it here," said President Michael Alexander.

However, the record number of students at Lasell was not unexpected. "We were expecting more students this year because we've added new residence halls and Lasell has continued to grow due to new faculty, staff, programming and facilities," said Tweed. "We're not done enrolling students either. We will continue to enroll."

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PHOTO BY KAYLEIGH ROBERTSON

President Michael Alexander addresses Lasell's incoming class.



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The class of 2013 marches into the Athletic Center for Convocation.

## Sex rules

By Sara Brown  
NEWS EDITOR

During the many events held for the freshmen class their first weekend, speaker Maria Falzone may have made the biggest splash. Falzone spoke to the freshmen class on September 4th in De Witt Hall about how to have greater and safer sex.

Falzone has been traveling to college campuses for years speaking frankly and humorously about safe sex. The feisty speaker started off as a standup comedian who says she "stumbled" into this line of work after being tired of the Hollywood scene and taking part in an HBO series about safer sex as a favor to a friend. After that, she fell in love with educating college students.



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Maria Falzone spoke enthusiastically to incoming students about safe sex.

One of the ways Falzone is effective as a speaker is her brutal honesty and being forthcoming with her own painful experiences. Falzone admits for years she suffered with shame about her sex life. "My mom told me once if you sleep in the same bed with a man you will get pregnant," said Falzone. A virgin until she was 22, Falzone was determined to lose her virginity as soon as she could. Scared and unsure, she mustered up the courage to have sex by getting drunk. For years after, this is how sex would be for Falzone: a drunken affair, until she contacted herpes from a friend which forced her to re-examine her attitude on sex.

Another rule Falzone has is never have drunk sex. "I want you to hug your partner," said Falzone, "not the bowl." Sex while intoxicated can leave you feeling empty, alone and put you in dangerous situations. Something she firmly believes in is the buddy system. The buddy system is a way to keep young college student safe while they drink. It is a pact between friends, that when one friend drinks another will remain sober and watch out for that friend.

Falzone also spoke about how important it is to use a condom at all times. Not using a condom puts you and your partner at risk for an unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Falzone believes that if a couple is ready to have sex they should have an honest and open dialogue about what protection they should use. If you can't have an honest conversation about safe sex, then you are not ready for sex, Falzone believes.

The most important rule to having greater and safer sex, according to Falzone, is knowing yourself. "Sex starts with you," said Falzone. "Ask yourself 'why am I having sex?' If your having sex to keep someone around or for them to like you then you're having sex for the wrong reasons," said Falzone.

## First years get alcohol education

By Briana Nestor  
FEATURES EDITOR

The use of alcohol at college is an issue throughout the country. At Lasell, a program called AlcoholEdu has been used for the past three years as a way to educate students about the effects of alcohol. The AlcoholEdu program must be taken online by all incoming freshmen prior to the year. The program is broken up into two sessions: Session one is approximately three hours long and Session two is approximately 20-30 minutes long.

"AlcoholEdu is the first educational and non-judgmental program and it's proven to be pretty effective," said Director of Residential Life, Scott Lamphere. AlcoholEdu educates students about topics that revolve around alcohol, such as the amount of alcohol in various drinks, calculating one's blood alcohol content, how to prevent a friend from driving under the influence, and identifying signs of intoxication and/or alcohol poisoning.

"It's the only researched-based program out there," said Health Coordinator and Counselor, Kaitlin DeLucia. "Students get an alcohol education when they [arrive at Lasell], but AlcoholEdu goes through the physiological effects,

and many students don't know those parts."

Students may think they know more about alcohol than they truly do. After taking the AlcoholEdu program, students often learn more than they expect. Freshman Matthew McCarthy encountered this situation. "I thought I knew more than I actually did, but it definitely helped me," said McCarthy. "The part that stuck out for me the most was not letting your friends drive drunk and by any means necessary, don't let them leave," said McCarthy.

Freshman Wesley Slobody, and a friend of McCarthy's, said the information he learned from AlcoholEdu "is good to have in the back of your mind, because even if you don't drink, you still know."

The AlcoholEdu program can benefit all students, drinkers and non-drinkers alike. If a student chooses to drink, the information within the program can help those students make better choices. "Hopefully, students will recognize some information from AlcoholEdu and be able to make better choices when it comes to drinking. If someone is choosing not to drink, it may give them a sense of empowerment and supports them in a way they might not get otherwise," said Lamphere.

The AlcoholEdu program can take up to three and a half hours to complete. So far, students and faculty agree that this is the only downside to the program. "I would make it go by quicker. It took me about two hours and 45 minutes [to complete]," said McCarthy. However, the program seems to have a positive impact on the community and will hopefully continue to be used. "Lasell signed a three year contract with AlcoholEdu, and I think it's worthwhile. If not, something will be put in its place, but we're not sure what that is yet," said Lamphere.



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# OPINION

## Editor's Column

# From the beginning

By Michelle McNickle

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Every year, I somehow manage to convince myself that I utterly enjoy summer. That basking in the sun, frying myself to the point of resembling a lobster and sleeping in till noon is exactly what I needed in order to recover from the hectic school year. Yet less than a month after leaving school and returning to my humdrum hometown in Connecticut, I conclude, year after year, that being the epitome of a lazy bum is not only something that I can never be, but something that I absolutely despise.

Don't get me wrong; I certainly kept myself busy working two jobs in order to pay for school. One as a nanny for two twin 11 year olds, and another as a frantic sales associate at Baby Gap and Gap Kids. I immensely enjoyed catching up with old friends, attending a close friend's wedding in the beginning of June, and then beaming with joy as my other best friend became engaged in August. There was the yearly vacation to the Cape, and even a trip to Nantucket to visit a recent Lasell grad. However, as September is here once again, and I'm preparing myself for my senior year of college, I am absolutely ecstatic for the end of summer, and the beginning of the 2009/2010 school year.

As I think about those incoming freshman starting at Lasell this year, I can't help but to look back at last fall when I started at Lasell as a sophomore/junior transfer student. I remember the nerves, the awkward first meetings with others in my same position, and the thrill of meeting new friends who would later become the ones I would share many insanely fun

memories with. Yet, the one thing which would become the highlight of my first year at Lasell would be joining the 1851 Chronicle.

Looking back, I now choose to see it as fate. It was transfer orientation, and I had just met a journalist at the Boston Globe turned professor. She single handedly reminded me of my strong and fearless Sicilian mother, while also putting me at ease about the transition I was about to make. After signing up for classes with her, she constantly encouraged me to join the paper as a writer. As I made myself available to the editors of the paper, covering stories ranging from news to editorials to album reviews and more, it was safe to say that I discovered my passion, and felt a solid sense of belonging and affinity at Lasell.

I went on to become Copy Editor of the paper my second semester, and as the school year drew to an end, I was asked by then Editor-in-Chief, Kali Smith, if I would like to replace her this coming year. I was both honored and ecstatic, and was encouraged beyond my doubts by that same professor and advisor to the 1851 Chronicle, to accept the position.

So here I sit now, writing my first editorial as Editor-in-Chief. I am absolutely itching to get the ball rolling, and to put my all into making the 1851 Chronicle a publication which reaches all of the Lasell community. It is also my goal to have it be a newspaper that is fun and entertaining to read, while also representing the diversity found among Lasell students. I consider myself dedicated to making this



CARTOON BY RHEANNA PALANCA

paper something for not only the staff to be proud of, but as a voice of the students as well.

I also can't help but urge both the incoming freshmen, as well as upperclassmen, to get involved! With numerous clubs and activities going on at Lasell, becoming involved is easy and can open so many doors for your future. Whether it is the 1851 Chronicle,

Polished, CAB, SAFE, Lasell Radio, the recently established Fashion Connection, or any other of the many organizations on campus, becoming involved, I believe, can only make any college experience a more satisfying one. And who knows? You may just find yourself joining an organization one year, and running it the next...

# Record breaking 2013

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students for the fall and spring semesters, so it's not solid until the end of add/drop and the number of students may change. Once add/drop is over, [students] are here for the semester."

In tough economic times, Lasell has become more selective when admitting students to the school. Upon deciding acceptance for individuals, it was up to the admissions department to determine exactly the type of students who would thrive in the Lasell community. "We were looking for well-rounded students. We were looking for academic involvement, someone who could do consistent work, and also a desire to be here and contribute to the campus community," said Tweed.

"We want students who are serious about college. Those who take it seriously get the most out of it and get involved," said Alexander.

Financial aid played an important role in the application process as well. According to Tweed, Lasell made a commitment earlier in the year to provide more resources to students. President Alexander also added that "times have gotten tough in this economy, and while it is expensive to go here, I believe [students] are getting a relatively high value [of education] compared to other private colleges."

In comparison to the freshmen class, the number of transfer students is "relatively small,"



PHOTO BY AIDAN WATSON  
Parents and student athletes help Lasell's newest residents move into Woodland.

application process. "The essay was added in order to provide an additional opportunity to judge [which students] belong here," said Alexander. Tweed added that the essay allows the Admissions Committee to learn more about applicants, much like a personal interview. "It takes an entire campus to recruit a student, and as you can see from walking around the grounds and facilities and meeting with members of our community, they're doing a heck of a job!" said Tweed.

# A word from above

## Upperclassman's advice to first years

By Sara Brown  
NEWS EDITOR

While the class of 2013 finally made its appearance on campus September 4th, I was lucky enough to welcome them first hand by working in the admissions department. I saw young innocent faces looking from elated to terrified, parents crying as their babies were finally leaving the nest, and a freshman class of almost 600 students with unlimited potential and possibilities. Then, it hit me. A certain feeling crept its way into the bottom of my stomach, one that I hadn't felt in a while and was shocked that it even was there. That feeling was envy.

It was not that long ago that I was one of those young innocent faces sparkling with potential. Now, almost four years later, this chapter of my life will be closing soon. As exciting as graduation is, part of me wants to be where the class of 2013 is, with four more years in this safe community.

Where did those years ago? Somewhere in between the late night cram sessions, thirsty Thursdays, and walking up and down Woodland Road, I became an adult. The naive Sara, who had no idea what she wanted for herself, is a distant memory and is replaced by a Sara who has learned exactly what she wants out of this world. However, that doesn't make becoming an adult any less scary.

Graduation seemed so far away. It was some-

thing everyone kept telling me would happen but I didn't actually believe them. Graduating seemed like a myth, like Santa Clause or Big Foot, but now it has turned into a bona fide reality. I look back at my time spent at Lasell and I'm mostly happy and proud of how I spent my time here.

However, I do wish that I savored my time here a little more. I wish I stopped complaining about the crappy cafeteria food or how 8 a.m. classes are the worst idea ever, and focused on the fact that in my years here, Lasell has turned into my home. I thought I had all the time in the world here but I don't. Time moves on, and so will I.

Soon, like the class of 2013 has done recently, I'll be leaving a place I've called home for the past four years. That naive and unsure Sara will be making an appearance again as I try to find my way, and a new home in this big world of ours. This time though I will bask in the glory of the unexpected and savor every minute of it.

My advice to the new freshman (and even to sophomores and juniors) is to live every day you have at Lasell to the fullest. Become an active member of the community by joining a club or sport, get to know your professors, enjoy the cafeteria's "nugget night" and have fun. It might seem like you're stuck here forever, but take it from someone who knows: sadly, you're not.

# got input?

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## FEATURES

## Attitude!

By Sara Brown

NEWS EDITOR



September is here, and has made Woodland Road a little busier and our wallets empty with cost of books. School is back in session, and that only means a couple of things: saying hello to familiar faces, avoiding that professor

who failed you last semester, and reminiscing about summer with friends whom you haven't seen in months.

While my summer was filled with carefree nights with childhood friends, I know when I look back at this summer years later, that is not what I will remember. Back in May, when everyone was getting ready for the semester to end and summer to begin, I received some unfortunate news that I knew would shape my entire summer. My mother was diagnosed with thyroid cancer, a curse that runs in my family. While my peers were looking forward to tanning at the beach and months without tests or homework, all I had to look forward to was frequent trips to the hospital that made my heart feel like it was at the bottom of my toes.

I kept trying to tell myself that it was going to be ok. The doctors said they believed to have caught it early, and with a few surgeries my mom would be fine. While that was some relief, I still couldn't help but worry. This was my mom, the very reason why I existed, the woman who, for the past 22 years, has sacrificed everything just for my well being and happiness and the only person who has ever really cared about me.

While I love my mother with all my heart, it has to be said we are not the Gilmore Girls. We fight and get on each other's nerves constantly. No woman can make me more flustered than my mom, and I've been giving her premature grey hairs since I learned to talk. Her constant critique of my wardrobe and the men I date makes my head spin. However, I'm honest enough to admit I haven't been the easiest daughter. My mood swings give her whip lash and let's just say she doesn't find my sarcasm one of my most endearing traits.

However, all that petty differences seemed to evaporate once I heard the word "cancer." All I could think of now was the time in kindergarten when she walked 30 minutes in the rain to see my class play, or how she saved up every dime she had my first semester at Lasell so I could have a computer. Ironically, cancer sure has a way of making you see what's most important.

In between the sunburns, afternoon naps and brief summer romances, my summer revolved around taking her to the hospital for blood work, tests, and constant updates on her condition. She dealt with all of this with such courage and grace. I was amazed by her at times, especially when she tried to make everyone around her feel less worried and she was the sick one.

Then in July, she had surgery to remove her cancerous thyroid. She stayed at hospitals for a couple of nights. On her last day there, I went with my father to pick her up. There I saw a woman I once thought was impervious to pain, lying in hospital bed weak and pale. She looked over at me and as I was preparing myself for her to say something deep and profound, she said, "Sara, I hate that outfit you're wearing. It doesn't flatter you at all. I need to send you to that show 'What Not To Wear.'" On most days a comment like would send me into a Whitney Houston style temper tantrum, but on this day, it made me smile and even laugh a little.

I would later make a vow to myself to be nicer to her. The woman did go through months of awful morning sickness and seven hours of labor to bring me into this world. The least I could do is control my eye rolling and constant attitude.

In late September, my mom will be going through her first rounds of radiation. While I'm waiting and praying to hear the word "remission" instead of "cancer" soon, I've learned a valuable lesson this summer. My mother will constantly frustrate me and argue with me about every decision I make in my life but truth be told I wouldn't want it any other way.

Just a Minute:  
Colleen McCleary

By Michelle McNickle

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



PHOTO BY KAYLEIGH ROBERTSON

In addition to her colorful clothing, McCleary takes a strong interest in community service and the environment.

Not a lot of people could pull off a magenta-colored tulle skirt. Add a green waist band and yellow bodice, and sophomore Colleen McCleary resembled a walking Gerbera daisy. Pink glitter adorned her eyes along with a turquoise eyebrow ring, which added to her cheery and extroverted disposition as we sat in the campus center. While it may seem more of a costume rather than an actual outfit, this is a typical ensemble for the eye-catching McCleary. "People will come up to me and ask, 'what were you thinking when you got dressed this morning?' I'll look at them and think, 'I don't know, what were you thinking? Because it doesn't look like much of anything to me,'" McCleary said. "Oh," she added with a smile, "but I would never actually say that!"

It's impossible to miss McCleary while out and about on the Lasell campus. Even while sitting and chatting with her about her time at Lasell, it's hard not to notice the glances from those passing by: looks of interest, amusement, and even judgment. Yet, the attention doesn't phase McCleary in the slightest. "I don't usually notice when people are looking at me," she said. However, when she does take mind to it, and sometimes receives comments, "I usually respond to it with laughter," she said.

As a second year fashion design major, McCleary's interests extend beyond clothing and sewing. She spoke passionately and openly about her environmental studies minor, as well as her love of art, nature, and volunteerism. With eyes filled with excitement a hands flying about, she rattled off about the beauty of nature, and how she looks to it as inspiration both in her designing and painting. "[Nature is] a big part of me. It's the most beautiful thing ever. I like to think of my art as nature mixed with modernism. I can see myself doing photo shoots with, like, grandiose gowns, but in the woods, you know?"

McCLEARY is also an avid member of the Center for Community Based Learning and believes that volunteering is a fundamental and necessary experience for all college students. "I love service, and people, and the people that work [at the CCBL]. I think it's important to do

service, especially while you're in college. People are figuring out who they are, and it helps you to become grounded and a caring person."

Along with being an resident assistant for both Keever and Chandler, McCleary appears to be an adjusted and well rounded student. However, the attention she gains from her colorful and original style, especially during her first few months at Lasell, required some getting used to by both she and her fellow classmates. "I didn't like Lasell at first; I felt isolated. I felt like they didn't accept me," she said. "But now I'm really confident that Lasell accepts me. People back home are used to me. When I first came [to Lasell] I told myself I'm going to give this place a year...and a half. They're going to need it." The beginning of her second year, however, has Colleen meeting new people and gaining a sense of affinity. "I'm liking it a lot more. I love people; now I like them. They're more accepting, but it's like a slap in the face when you

first come here. I think that freshmen, even this year, have to find their niche if they're different, or else they're going to go home."

The summer leading up to her sophomore year also included milestones for McCleary. After discovering a boutique named Revolution in Vermont which features clothing similar to her own style, McCleary presented her portfolio and was then asked by the owners to design and create 10 pieces which were to be sold in the store. While she was uncertain about how her designs would sell, McCleary ended up selling seven pieces thus far, while ending the summer with creating 14 total designs for the boutique. "I put my personality into the clothing. At first, I didn't have confidence but then they ended up selling. I didn't know what sizes to make, and used a lot of stretch fabrics, but I'm so glad that I did it."

As far as the future is concerned, McCleary is excited about incorporating all of her passions into one career ambition. "There's going to be steps to me getting there," said McCleary. "I want to start my own company of wearable street wear and have factories in other countries to vitalize their economies."

## Hot Mess

By Deirdre McCombs

ASST. LAYOUT EDITOR



My summer was all in all a giant hot mess. My reign as the official hot mess of Lasell continues. During my last few weeks of summer, I met family I had never met before. My mother, my sister, my brother and I went down to Rhode Island. We got there late, ate, and attempted to awkwardly socialize with these people we had never met before. Then, an offer came to go to the beach just down the road. I hadn't been to the beach all summer so I took them up on the offer. Off we go; me, and my, I guess you would call, distant cousins.

The rip tide was ridiculous, and so was the level of awkwardness coming from the girl cousins of mine. Teenage girls just don't like me, in particular ones who are around 14 or 15. Every teenage girl that age has a natural and unexplainable vendetta against me. The waves were out of control because of the hurricane coming and I only stood knee deep in the water. Somehow, I got sand in places I didn't know I had. We then decided to take a very long walk. I decided to take my phone on the walk... first mistake. My second mistake was going on the walk at all, and my third was going to the beach with these people I just met!

I don't swim; never have, never will. So when the wave that was bigger than I am came at me, it took me and my cellphone under. I could do nothing but sit there. As I sat, my bathing suit top decided to fall off and I flashed my two male cousins and half of Rhode Island.

I lost my phone and had to wait a week for a new one and I now know how Romeo must have felt when he was exiled from Verona. Without my cellphone, this hot mess is even more of a hot mess. Needless to say, if anyone needs a lesson on how to make a great first impression, just ask me. I've got some great tips!

Campus Clubs:  
The Fashion ConnectionBy Olivia Ture and  
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Are you a fashion major, looking to get involved in an organization? The Fashion Connection is a brand new group, which will aim to work towards giving students experiences to help them make connections in Boston's Fashion industry.

Our goal at The Fashion Connection is to ease the transition from college to career, to help students network, and to expand their work related perspectives. Also, as another one of our goals, we want to help students become exposed to industry knowledge and advice from field professionals. We are currently working on trips to see The Natick Collection, New York City, Brooks Brothers factory, the Museum of Fine Arts, and Johnny Cupcakes.

Meetings will be held every other Thursday at 1:00 p.m., at the Campus Center in room 223. Officer positions are currently open. Applications are available for those who are interested. Please contact us to receive one. All officers are expected to attend every meeting throughout the year, in addition to Executive meetings, which will be held one half hour before the group meeting. Elections will be held on October 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the Academic Achievement Center.

Please send any questions or comments to TheFashionConnectionatLasell@yahoo.com.

# SPORTS

## Upcoming Games

### WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY

Saturday, September 19th  
Castleton State College - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 22nd

at Regis College - 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 24th

at Whealock College - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 26th

at Univ. of Maine Farmington - TBA

Sunday, September 27th

at Thamas College - TBA

### MEN'S SOCCER

Saturday, September 19th  
Emerson College - 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 22nd

at UMass-Dartmouth - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 26th

at Albertus Magnus College - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 30th

Bridgewater State College - 4:00 p.m.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Saturday, September 19th  
Emmanuel College - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 23rd

Simmons College - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 26th

at Albertus Magnus College - 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 29th

St. Joseph's College (CT) - 4:00 p.m.

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, September 19th  
at Pine Manar w/Albertus Magnus - TBA

Tuesday, September 22nd

UMass-Dartmouth - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 24th

at Newbury College - 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 26th

at Univ. of New England w/Babsan - TBA

\*Events are subject to change. Check MyLasell for the latest updates on location, time and subject.

## A preview to fall sports

By Michelle Krasodomski

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Not only have the students at Lasell begun classes, but the student athletes are well into their fall sport seasons. Women's volleyball, women's soccer, women's cross country, field hockey, men's soccer and men's cross country have been practicing since August 21st. With the new mascot and logos, the Lasell community is looking forward to a great fall sports season.

Each team has come into the 2009 season with tough schedules. Traveling as far as five hours away, the fall athletes are looking to impress their competition. Men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country and women's volleyball compete in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) where they face other colleges including Mount Ida College, Emmanuel College, Norwich University, Johnson & Wales University, Albertus Magnus College, Rivier College, Emerson College, Suffolk University, St. Joseph's College (ME), Simmons College, Pine Manor College, and St. Joseph's College (CT). The field hockey team participates in the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) and face teams including Castleton State, University of Maine Farmington, Thomas College, Rivier College, Husson University, Simmons College and St. Joseph's College of Maine.

The women's volleyball team looks to make their mark in the GNAC under Head Coach Mary Tom, who begins her 13th year with the program. She shows great knowledge of the sport and still continues to participate

in women's volleyball tournaments in the area. However, with only graduating two seniors last year, the team shows strength with seven returnees and four freshmen. Co-captains Amanda Major and Melanie Costa look to guide the team this season both on and off the volleyball court. The team has a tough schedule ahead which will only prove that they can make a mark in the GNAC this year.

The men's and women's cross country teams are coached by Larry Sullivan who is entering his seventh season as head coach. As both teams return with six veterans along with a combined eight new runners, Coach Sullivan is looking at a successful fall season. The captains David Walsh and Ariella Harrington will aim to guide their teams through six meets: the GNAC Championships, the ECAC Championships and the NCAA Regionals. The men's team finished fourth in the GNAC last year and five runners competed in the NCAA New England Regional Meet. The women's team ended up with six athletes competing in the NCAA New England Regional Meet.

The men's soccer team has been coached by Giovanni Pacini for 28 years. As he enters his 12th year as head coach, Coach Pacini has a running list of achievements over his many years at Lasell including nine winning seasons, six trips to the NAC finals, two NAC championships and trips to both the NCAA and ECAC tournaments. He looks to continue this success with the 2009 season. In 2008, the men's soc-

cer team finished second in the GNAC. The team has a strong veteran squad returning for the 2009 season which includes six seniors. With ten new members, Co-Captains Paul Meucci, Brandon Hanss and Robby Gonzalez look to provide their team with leadership and the knowledge needed for a successful season.

The women's soccer team begins the 2009 season with nine freshmen and only two seniors. This young team is coached by Vito LaFrancesca who is entering his third season as head coach. He was named GNAC coach of the year in 2007 and has had successful seasons during the past two years. To continue the growth of the team, Coach LaFrancesca has planned a competitive schedule for 2009. Co-Captains Alaina Mitrano, Alyssa Ferreri, Kaitlyn Fields, and Olivia Tsakiris are seeking another winning season.

The field hockey team is coached by Marushka Eddy who is entering her second year as head coach. Coach Eddy also serves as the head coach of the women's lacrosse team. In her first year as field hockey coach, Coach Eddy helped her team to a 7-11 record and a spot in the NAC Championship. Key returnees include Junior Tia Pratt and Sophomore Christine Thornton. The team has eight veteran athletes returning for this season including only one senior. With only three other upperclassmen, the field hockey team is young, but powerful. The team also looks at a tough 2009 schedule, but should hold their own in the NAC this season.

Overall, the Lasell College Lasers are looking forward to see how this fall season plays out. Each team has their strengths and weaknesses, but appears strong with the leadership of their coaches and veteran athletes. With the new logo and new mascot, Lasell athletics are embarking on another successful year.

## Lasers defeat Anchormen in last minute victory

By Kayleigh Robertson

PHOTO EDITOR

first 2-1. However, it didn't take long for Rhode Island to tie the game again with a goal by Ryan Kelley (Hope, RI) off a pass from Jose Ruiz (Providence, RI) to tie the match at 2-2.

55 minutes passed without another goal scored, and sudden death overtime became a possibility. With only 1:01 left in regulation time, Tholemon Francois (Stoneham, MA) gave Klippert a cross pass that sealed the victory for Lasell and made the crowd go wild.

Julian Dutton (Madison, CT) played well in net for the Lasers by making eight saves to give him his first win for the season.

The Lasers came off a tournament at Skidmore College where they were 1-1. Their game, scheduled for Saturday September 12th against Suffolk University, had been postponed until September 17th at 4 p.m.



(Above) Julian Dutton makes one of his eight saves. (Left) Lasers rejoice after Klippert's winning goal. (Right) Brandon Hanss

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# The 1851 Chronicle

LASELL COLLEGE'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER

## Get on board and go abroad

By Briana Nestor  
FEATURES EDITOR

This year, Lasell hired Lena Cappiello as the new Coordinator of International Services. Cappiello was one of 300 applicants for this position. "We couldn't have been [happier] with how the search went," said Diane Austin, Dean of Student Affairs.

Cappiello is a graduate of Fordham University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Art History and American Studies with a minor in Italian Languages and Cultural Studies. As a junior in college, Cappiello studied abroad



PHOTO BY SCOTT LAPIER

Leno Cappiello.

for a year in Florence, Italy, where she worked with international students. In graduate school, she received a Master's Degree from New York University in International Education with a concentration in International Education Development.

"I loved working with students. I felt like I was giving back and that I was a good resource," said Cappiello. As the Coordinator of International Studies, her three primary objectives are establishing diversity among program participants, providing direct service to the international student population, and expanding the study abroad and internships abroad programs at Lasell.

"Jim Ostrow and I set a goal to have 60 students study abroad next fall," said Cappiello. There are currently 43 students studying abroad this fall. "50 percent of them are in the fashion department, but we would like to see other majors [studying abroad]," she said.

Students can study in almost any country around the globe. The ideal time to study abroad is the fall semester of a student's junior year. "There are a limited number of students who can study abroad in the spring because [the student] has to petition for it," said Cappiello.

The most popular places to study abroad are London, Paris, Florence, Milan, Sicily, and Sydney, Australia. Lasell works with eight primary affiliates. Arrangements to work with outside affiliates can be made upon student request.

The general cost to study abroad is home-school tuition. "Students pay the Lasell tuition, room and board, and you can still use your financial aid. You would pay the bill as you normally do," said Cappiello. "It's definitely something students should do regardless of their financial background."

Aurisha Albright, a senior, studied fashion design in London. "I went to London twice actually, the first time in fall of 2008 to [American Intercontinental University] and then this [past] summer to Kingston

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## Brackett nets goal with seconds to go



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Freshman Reagan Brackett, of Scarborough, ME, scored the winning goal for Lasell with only seven seconds remaining in the game. The final score, against Saint Joseph College of Connecticut, was 2-1. Losers. This was another addition to the women soccer team's winning streak so far this season.

University. It was probably the best decision I ever made, and it really puts things in perspective, and I will probably end up in London after I graduate this year," said Albright in an interview.

Natalie Thomas, also a senior, studied fashion design at the American Intercontinental University in London as well. "I wanted to meet other college students from around the world, and basically submerge myself into a

new place and culture," said Thomas.

Studying abroad is enriching as well as academically beneficial. "Study abroad can prepare students with real life experience once they get out of college. Employers are drawn to students who have Study Abroad on their resume," said Cappiello.

Cappiello is eager to meet with all students who are interested in studying abroad. Contact Cappiello at lcappiello@lasell.edu with questions or comments.



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Lasell Student Howah Honkis browses through a study abroad catalog. Honkis is interested in traveling to Italy.

## Lasell hosts Newton mayoral debate

By James Jackson  
and Brian Cotonir  
1851 STAFF

With the preliminary election in the rear view mirror and election day just weeks away, state representative Ruth Balser and Setti Warren have one goal in mind: to be Mayor of Newton. On October 1st, the two candidates faced off in a debate at De Witt Hall. Both candidates will make history if elected. Balser would become the city's first female mayor while Warren would become the city's first African-American mayor.

The debate, which was sponsored by the League of Women Voters, lasted about an hour. Nancy Carapezza, a Wayland resident, was the moderator for the evening. NEWTV filmed the debate.

Around 130 people were at the debate. Ryan Mahoney, a first year student, attended because, "I wanted to hear the issues from the candidates." Mahoney also added that he has an interest in politics. Other students attended for, "some extra credit," said Gary Gurecki, a freshman.

Warren spoke first. Although both candidates agree that the city needs new leadership, their methods of debating that issue differed. "I love Newton, it's a great city," Warren said. "However, I don't believe this city has lived up to its potential."

Balser took on a different tone. "I have 20 plus years of working with the citizens of Newton. City Hall needs new and strong leadership," she said.

Several topics were covered during the debate. Neighborhood development to the city's infrastructure was discussed, which according to Warren, "is crumbling and has been neglected for several years."

Balser discussed her years in the state legislature and reminded the audience that she has worked closely with citizens for many years.

Both Balser and Warren want Newton to become an eco-friendly city. Warren said if he is elected mayor he will make sure that city construction would be "green." Warren would also like to see a bike path on Commonwealth Avenue.

Balser spoke about broader goals during the debate. She wants Newton to, "play a part in saving the world." She is an advocate of recycling in the city's schools and wants to incorporate recycling and eco-friendly policies into the curriculum.

In the candidates' closing statements, Balser told the audience she would be, "an effective problem solver and leader you can count on." Warren told the audience he would bring, "a new and fresh perspective to City Hall."

Election Day in Newton is Tuesday, November 3rd.

# OPINION

## Editor's Column

# Water work woes

By Michelle McNickle  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Students may have noticed a not-so-lovely addition to the campus this fall. In our walks back and forth from classes to dorms and to the campus center, it's impossible to avoid those pesky pipes lining the streets. At first I didn't mind them, even had a laugh or two watching a questionably sober individual take a tumble while donning stilt-like heels. But a recent incident involving construction on Woodland Road has left me and my housemates less than amused.

Flashback: It's 6:45 a.m., and my alarm is ringing for my eight o'clock class. As I open the door to make my way to the shower, I'm greeted by half of my house yelling profanities out the window at the construction worker who's been jack hammering out front since 6 a.m. As I approach the window to see what the commotion is about, my neighbor looks at me and says, "You're lucky. I wish I actually had to be up."

Despite the unpleasant timing, I continued to pay no mind to the construction, until a few days ago. It was Thursday and I was getting dressed for another shift at the Gap. My dorm neighbor was also was doing the same. "Hey!" she called to me. "Look out the window." I couldn't believe what I saw: a giant hole, big enough to swallow my car, directly in front of our driveway.

It was now 12:30 p.m. and we were both late for work. We called campus police, who said they were uninformed with the construction, and that the hole was caused by Newton employees on an indefinite lunch break. We sat. We waited. We called our bosses, who were less than amused that a giant hole was preventing us from getting to work. Just as we were formulating a plan to drive across the Carpenter House lawn to escape, a police man appeared, and when questioned about when the workers would return, replied, "Uh, well miss, I'm not quite sure. Let me find out."

Long story short, my friend and I managed to get to work, both about half an hour late. After a burley construction worker reluctantly moved equipment out of the way, and I drove to work breaking new speed records on Route 9, the ridiculousness of the situation hit.

While postings on MyLasell have warned students of possible interruptions around campus which the college can not be held responsible for, shouldn't we at least get a warning when unable to leave our houses? When the construction becomes a legitimate inconvenience—even safety hazard for students—additional communication between Lasell and the town of Newton should become a priority.

## Going... going... green! Helpful or hassle?

By Maeve Scully  
1851 STAFF

I'm sure we've all heard of the reasons to recycle and cut down our carbon footprint: save the planet, our ozone layer, our resources, blah, blah, blah. We've all seen the commercial with the polar bear on the melting iceberg, and I don't know about you, but I'm sure some of us cried.

Recycling and reducing our carbon emissions is great, and it's probably the only thing our generation can do to make up for the fact that we've completely ravaged our planet with our SUVs and AquaNet hair spray (thanks, Twisted Sister).

But has anyone see any results from our efforts? We've all heard the statistics, but really, who cares about numbers? I want physical proof.

Global warming is still happening and polar bears are still bobbing along on ice cubes. Is it really necessary for me to take those 15 extra steps to recycle my Starbucks DoubleShot Espresso cans? Should I start using one spray less of hairspray? Should I buy a Prius? Yeah, maybe. But I doubt that polar bear is going to find a glacier, and I'll just have a bad hair day and a car that takes too long to charge.

## Dorms in disarray; students will pay

By Kerri Campbell and Christina Annicelli  
1851 STAFF

Walking around campus you would think the students keep everything in order. It's when you enter the dorms at Woodland or Holt when you see this is not the case. Holes punched in the walls, toilet paper dispensers on the ground, and even more unsanitary things left in the showers. Abandoned thongs left in doorways, ripped down hand sanitizer dispensers, spit on the walls of the elevator, and the list goes on.

Normally these acts of vandalism wouldn't bother us, but normally we would not be the one's paying for them at the end of the year. We have to eventually pay for the paint chips, ripped down shower curtains, and destroyed bathrooms. Do whatever you want in your own home, just don't expect your classmates to pay for the repercussions. We don't live in Animal House. Students should be respectful of the campus. This requires absolutely no effort, and it will save students some cash come the spring.



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## Disconnected learning?

By Ben Howard  
1851 STAFF

Technology is a piece of everyday life; this is a fact. Here at Lasell, however, it seems to be more of an inconvenience than a tool for success.

Moodle, a web-based educational tool, is a new concept for many of us, students and professors alike. It seems every week, a new issue surrounding this revolutionary bit of technology creeps into classrooms around campus.

Is part of this problem that students and faculty do not know how to properly use the tools we have been provided?

Whether it is something not being 'unlocked' for students when it should be, or a PDF not making its way on to the Internet in one piece, or even something as simple as getting a DVD to play, technology tends to cause a headache on campus.

Picture this: there you are sitting in a late afternoon class. In an effort to get a movie started for the class to watch, five awkward minutes in the dark go by while the professor fiddles with the machine. After 15 minutes, you've all lost hope; you won't be watching the movie today.

If we are going to make technology an integral piece of Lasell, all of us need to step up and understand how to make technology work for us.

## It's a hard knock life... for commuters

By Emely DelSanto and Kimberly A. Hooper  
LAYOUT EDITOR/ COPY EDITOR

All the time we hear complaints from students that have 8:00 a.m. classes. They say that it's too early, and they wish they had time to get more sleep. What they don't realize is that they only have to get up 10 minutes before class, spend five minutes getting dressed (if they even bother), and walk across the street to get there with three minutes to spare.

For commuters, the story is not quite as simple. If we got up 10 minutes before an 8:00 a.m. class, our professors would not be too pleased with us. No, instead, we have to give ourselves ample time to actually take a shower (a revolutionary idea, we know—but think about it, we're going to have to be on campus all day without the convenience of returning to our rooms whenever we want), and spend a half hour or more sitting in traffic, praying we don't hit every red light in the book (which happens more often than you would think, especially when you're in a rush, of course).

Instead of waking up at 7:50 a.m. for that dreaded class, our alarm clocks go off at no later than 7:00 a.m., bright and early. The next time you resident students get the urge to complain about how hard it is for you to get to class on time, think again. You really don't have it that hard.

# got input?

If you've got an opinion on something that's important to Lasell students, let us know! Email us your input at [bnestor@lasell.edu](mailto:bnestor@lasell.edu)

# NEWS

## Lasell students join in Boston Fashion Week

By Jill Ostiguy and Katelyn Cross

1851 STAFF

While all the buzz faded quickly from New York Fashion Week, Boston Fashion Week took over and caused quite the commotion at Lasell. The busy week provided opportunities for fashion students to see all the newest designers.

Boston Fashion Week, which originated in 1995, is unique because new designers are given the chance to feature their fresh approach to fashion in a high-energy, fast-paced week. The lineup of designers included Keith Lissner from Bravo TV, as well as 13 other up-and-coming designers from around the world. Lasell graduate Emily Hancock, was one of many to showcase her designs with, "The Emerging Trends: a Synergy Event."

Hancock began working on her collection in June and developed a line called "City Lines," inspired by her new home in Boston. Hancock jumped at the opportunity to be a part of Boston's Fashion Week when she heard about it from a friend..

With help from Fashion Design faculty at Lasell, Hancock was able to create her patterns for the line. "All the Fashion Design faculty was so supportive and very excited for my big day," Hancock said. She is looking forward to the future for more opportunities to showcase her creativity and talent.

The week offered free seminars, classes, and cocktail hours with guest speakers, as well as wallet-friendly shopping trips in some of the city's hottest shopping spots. One event that reached out to younger generations was Fashion Prep, a talk for teens on how to get involved and stay ahead of the curve in the fashion industry. This event was held at Boston Public Library and was moderated by Boston Fashion Week's founder and executive director, Jay Calderin.

To see more from Boston Fashion Week, pictures and posts can be viewed on Facebook under, "The Emerging Trends 2009."



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Lasell students, graduates and current alike, take part in Boston Fashion Week.

## CollegeFest 2009 rocks Boston

By Emmalyn Anderson

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Boston's biggest event for college students every year never disappoints, and on September 25th and 26th, ReadyU's CollegeFest once again brought its best. From an overabundance of energy drinks to performances by some of the nation's biggest stars, college students truly got a day of pampering.

For just 10 dollars, students received a "Swag Bag" and access to performances by Jeremih, Lansdowne, Hellogoodby, and Talib Kweli. Brands and organizations such as Muscle Milk, Sweet Leaf Tea, LiveNation, Gunstock, and the U.S. Postal Service were all there to offer up free swag and samples.

Some organizations engaged in on-stage contests to give away amazing prizes. A lucky pair won a free rafting and skydiving trip after participating in the "make

out with a stranger" contest. This year, CollegeFest received a five-star score on their 2009 presentation. Five year olds doing pushups for Muscle Milk, and girls with whips and handcuffs promoting Venom Energy drinks were some of the highlights of the day.

Despite stage blockades put up this year to protect performers, fan control was an issue. Matt Gould of Cape Cod Community College, described how he felt about Collegefest 2009. "It was amazing, obviously, the fact that everybody was out in the open. Talib Kweli was awesome too, really good. For Jeremih though, it was just crazy."

During Jeremih's performance, some local Boston students took their love for his music too far. Several of the blockades were ripped from the floor and tensions were high as some students who stood by the stage for hours were elbowed from their spots by out of control fans. Despite Jeremih's fantastic performance and ReadyU's amazing presentation of CollegeFest, the respect that fellow students had for each other was disappointing.

Regardless of issues with the fans, CollegeFest 2009 was a hit with fun-filled opportunities for any New England college student.



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Lasell is now offering a Masters program where students can get their degree with one additional year.

## 5th year option valuable to students in tough economy

By Kimberly A. Hooper

COPY EDITOR

Undergraduate students with excellent academic standing at Lasell now have an opportunity to earn their Bachelor of Arts and Master degree's in five years.

The 5th Year Option allows students to earn a Master of Science in Communication or a Master of Science in Management. With careful course selections and meetings with an advisor, students can begin planning for the 5th Year Option as early as their freshman year. Interested students complete the 5th Year Option Declaration of Interest form during freshman or sophomore year, according to an admission brochure for the 5th Year Option.

"I think the 5th year option is a wonderful opportunity for students. It provides a very smooth transition from undergraduate to graduate work," said Miriam Reddick, Professor of English.

Students who are interested in earning a Masters degree at Lasell must earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA or greater at the end of four years of undergraduate coursework and participate in a blended semester during their final semester of undergraduate coursework. A student must have a course load of 18 credits during two undergraduate semesters to be eligible for the blended semester, according to [lasell.edu/academics/fifth\\_year](http://lasell.edu/academics/fifth_year).

During a student's final semester at Lasell, he or she will finish undergraduate requirements and take two graduate courses at the same time. Students need to earn a letter grade of B or better for each graduate class to count toward the specific Master's program.

The 5th Year Option at Lasell is original because it is a one year program made to be flexible for students with busy schedules.

"The 5th Year Option at Lasell is unique because it is a program that combines both hands-on practical job experience with theoretical experience. With the Communication program, persuasion and media are closely studied," said Jenny Chakoff, Assistant Professor of Communication.

The graduate programs are offered in three different course formats: traditional, online, and hybrid. The traditional courses meet once a week at night. The online courses are six-week sessions, and hybrid courses meet one week on campus and the next week online.

Current students are becoming more educated about the growing number of graduate programs on campus, realizing in today's economy many employers require a Masters degree.

"After graduating this year I will be pursuing the 5th year Masters Degree Option at Lasell because it is only one more additional year, and it will give me a competitive advantage when I am applying for jobs," said Megan Courtney, a senior Communication and Advertising major.

Students who are interested in the 5th Year Option should visit the Office of Graduate Admission, or they can contact the office about upcoming Graduate Information Sessions. Dates for the sessions are also posted regularly on the college's website.



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Irwin House, the Graduate Admissions building.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Band Review: Ryanhood

By Christina Annicelli  
1851 STAFF

There are usually multiple things to do Thursday nights at Lasell, which made me not surprised to see that the Campus Center was less than full when I arrived to see Ryanhood. My two roommates and I grabbed a seat on the couches directly in front of the stage. At first, I was skeptical about what this musical experience was going to be like. I had gathered that they were a duo with matching outfits consisting of jeans, a button up shirt, and a tie. They also had quaint guitars and a modest, playful, onstage attitude.

When they started playing, I was immediately impressed. Their expertise was astounding. Cameron Hood and Ryan Green's synchronicity and teamwork, coupled with clear skill created a flawless and pure sound. With Cameron on vocals and Ryan on lead guitar, they were able to compliment each other beautifully. Their guitar playing was the most remarkable. Their speed and ability to work in perfect harmony with each other, while also constantly changing up the tempo, pitch, and chords, showed expertise that only extremely experienced guitarists have. All of this skill and

experience made for a classic and tasteful sound that proved to be extensively pleasing to our ears.

The friendly onstage banter of Ryanhood included a lengthy tale of how Green went to a general store in Vermont and ate a variety of free samples for his lunch. He told the story in good humor while teasing the audience and getting them involved. This connection to the audience only added to Ryanhood's soothing and gentle demeanor.

The duo started off with original songs such as, "Around The Sun" and "Nothing But The Real Thing." Then Ryanhood graced the audience with a genius combination of two well-known songs put into one super track. They started out with an acoustic cover of the Postal Service's, "Such Great Heights" which lead into Jimmy Eat World's, "The Middle," and then harmoniously played them together.

I could not have had a better Thursday night and was utterly impressed by this skilled duo from Boston. I would recommend Ryanhood to anyone of any age to enjoy.

For more information about Ryanhood visit [ryanhood.com](http://ryanhood.com).



Ryan Green (left) and Cameron Hood provided lucky students with a memorable performance at the Campus Center on September 17th.

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or contact the Office of Graduate Admission at [gradinfo@lasell.edu](mailto:gradinfo@lasell.edu)

## Music Fest rocks campus center

By Jordan Mayblum  
SPORTS EDITOR



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Russell Koplon organized the Infusion Music Festival, an event benefiting charity, which took place at Lasell.

in donating instruments (at the event)." Kaplan added that he would continue to be involved in arranging these donations to Charity Music.

As an intern with the Boston Music Festival two years ago, Kaplan developed some experience in this field. He said, "I thought it would be awesome to organize something myself on a decently large scale." The event featured bands from Newton North and South High Schools as well as local Boston R&B singer

Rakeem-Andre and The Fictional Monsters, comprised of local college students.

The turnout for the event was more than 100 people from the Newton community, mostly students from Newton North and South High Schools. Kaplan said the event had a solid overall turnout. However, he added that he would have liked to see more Lasell students at the event.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## The Ting Tings take over Boston

By Sara Brown  
NEWS EDITOR

On October 2nd, The Ting Tings opened for P!nk at her sold out concert held at TD Bank Garden. The English rock duo played a 30 minute performance, getting the crowd excited and eager for the night.

The Ting Tings opened up their set with their first hit "Shut Up and Let Me Go." They continued to play songs off of their 2008 We Started Nothing debut album. The one notable exception that wasn't off their album, was their rocking cover of Aerosmith's "Walk This Way," which oozed British cool and techno beats.

Their last song was their smash hit "That's not my name," which was number one on UK Singles Chart and a Top 40 hit here in America. Before the song started,

vocalist Katie White declared, "This song is for anyone who feels like they are invisible."

White's raspy British voice sounded exquisite live. What's even more amazing is her stage presence. For 30 minutes straight, White was head banging, dancing, playing guitar and radiating as a rock goddess. The Ting Tings certainly have potential to be main contenders in the pop/rock scene. By this time next year, The Ting Tings may move from an opening act to a



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The Ting Tings opened for P!nk at the TD Bank Garden.

## Save your money and spend it too

By Allison Stein  
A&E EDITOR

Although the economy is suffering, there is no reason your bank account has to be. For the lovers of designer names with pockets that are not endless, here are five local thrift stores that are perfect locations to get your fix.

### 1. Second Time Around

With nine locations throughout Massachusetts, Second Time Around has a large assortment of new and used discounted clothing ranging from Gap tops to Dolce & Gabbana shoes. Neatly organized by color and style, the spotless stores are easy to navigate. To find a store near you, visit [Secondtimearound.net](http://Secondtimearound.net)

### 2. The Garment District

The Garment District has an enormous mix of new, used, and costume clothing. If used clothing is your ideal find, be prepared to actually dig for it and spend only \$1.50 per pound of clothes (\$1/lb on Fridays). 200 Broadway, Cambridge 617-876-5230, [Garmentdistrict.com](http://Garmentdistrict.com)

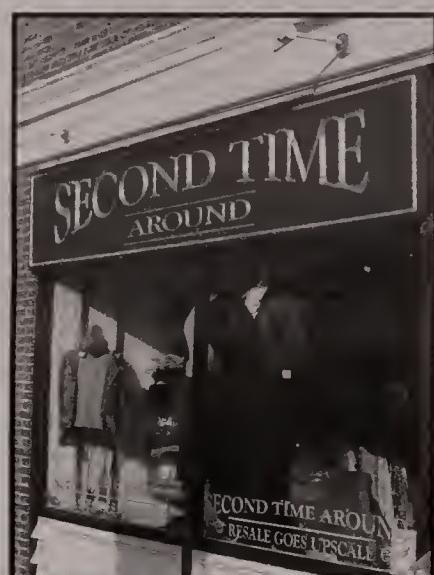


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A Second Time Around location in Wellesley.

### "Walkie Talkie Man" by Stereogram

Everything about this song is fast: the guitars, the drums, and the vocals. This song makes you want to run as fast as vocalist Tyson Kennedy sings.

### "Jump Around" by The House of Pain

You cannot listen to this rap song without jumping up and down in excitement. When Everlast tells you to jump, you jump.

### "Bombshell" by Powerman 5000

With lyrics like, get up, get up, get up, drop the bombshell, you will definitely have enough heart and energy to take on any opponent that you may face on the field.

### "We Will Rock You" by Queen

Perhaps the greatest song in the history of Arena rock, "We Will Rock You" was written by the band's guitarist, Brian May, in an attempt to help the fans feel more a part of the show. Whenever you hear the sound of feet stomping against the bleachers, everyone is ready to shout these lyrics at the top of their lungs.

### "Blitzkrieg Bop" by the Ramones

This song makes you want to jump and shout. It can work any group of fans into a frenzy. The Ramones will make you scream, "Hey, ho, let's go!"

## Pump it up!

By Brian Cotnoir

1851 STAFF

Lasell College athletics are in full swing. As you get ready to cheer on the men and women of Lasell, here are some songs you can use to pump up both the athletes and yourself before the big game.

### "Walk" by Pantera

Dimebag Darrel's repetitive guitar riff and Phillip Anselmo's angry vocals make this track a must on any student athletes playlist. Anselmo's demands for respect in this song are crucial if you want respect from opponents on the playing field. This song will have you ready to cheer your way to victory.

### "Bulls on Parade" by Rage Against the Machine

This political rock song is loud and in-your-face. The powerful rhythms of Brad Wilk and Tim Commerford are only succeeded by guitarist Tom Morello and Zach de la Rocha's powerful lyrics.

### "Shipping up ta Bastard" by Dropkick Murphys

Although it may have some of the worst lyrics, they are fun to shout out at the top of your lungs. In addition, it is Red Sox All-Star Closer Jonathan Papelbon's entrance song.

## Union Street Bar and Grill

By Maeve Scully

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Union Street Bar and Grill is a warm, inviting restaurant which appeals to more than just those looking for "bar food." Located a block from the Newton Center T stop, it is convenient for students at Lasell. Union Street offers a large menu selection with many vegetarian options. They have a variety of appetizers and entrees that are not expected from a bar and grill, such as: Thai chicken, veggie wraps, Mexican burritos, and Italian pasta dishes.

Their prices are relatively inexpensive with burgers starting at \$8.99 and pasta dishes starting at \$11.99. They host several special day and night events a week, such as: Half Priced Burger Day on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Trivia Night on Wednesdays at 9 p.m., and Karaoke Night on Thursdays from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Union Street's food was better than expected. Their spinach and artichoke dip

is creamy and filled with artichoke hearts, although the bread crumb topping was a little thick, and their burgers are hefty half-pounders with an endless list of toppings you can add such as: bleu cheese, bacon, buffalo sauce and caramelized onions.

The service, however, was extremely subpar. The hostess did not greet me as I arrived, just simply sat me at a table. I was originally seated next to the front door and bathroom, and I asked to move. After the change in seating, it took the waitress 30 minutes to acknowledge my presence in her section. After my order was taken, it took another half hour for my food to arrive. Waiting to be handed my check took another 15 minutes.

If you don't mind waiting for service and want to enjoy some inexpensive, good quality food, Union Street Bar and Grill is a great restaurant. The convenient location is perfect for students at Lasell. Dinner for two, including an appetizer and drinks, came to around \$35. I recommend this restaurant to anyone who likes variety in their meals, doesn't mind chatting for a while over appetizers, and for those on a budget. 107R Union St Newton Center- (617) 964-6684. [Unionst.com](http://Unionst.com)

## Facebook getting old?

By Deirdre McCombs

1851 STAFF

I've made a new discovery. There are other websites out there besides Facebook and Twitter. Here are my top five websites to visit:

### 1. Tumblr.com:

A blog site with a variety of topics where you can 'follow' people, similar to Twitter.

### 2. StumbleUpon.com:

Similar to Google, in the sense that if you type a subject into the search bar, it will bring up sources or examples of the keyword typed in.

### 3. Madcloth.com:

A shopping website that allows you to buy unique items such as a clock shaped as a piece of toast. They also have an entire vintage collection which is worth taking a peek at.

### 4. Tvshawsandvd.com:

Lists every TV show that is coming out on DVD.

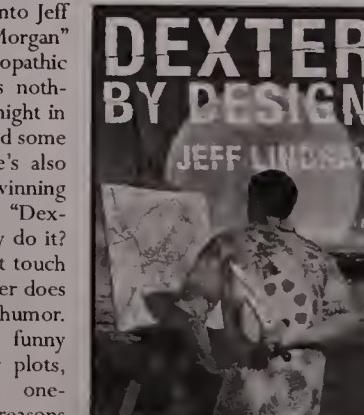
### 5. Polyvore.com:

A fashion website which allows you to view other people's fashion ideas and also create your own for people to view.

## Dexter by, Design: fourth time's a charm

By James Jackson

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with his rather appropriate job as a forensic blood spatter analyst for the Miami Metro Police Department.

In the fourth book of the series, the police are hunting a murderous performance artist who has a habit of arranging dead bodies as art exhibits. Things go from bad to worse when Dexter's sister gets stabbed by a suspect. Dexter goes after the maniac and does what he does best: kill. However, it turns out Dexter got the wrong man. Even worse, he has unwittingly been filmed while at work, and the performance artist is threatening not only to show the film to the world but also to kill someone close to Dexter.

The rest of the book is a highly entertaining account of how Dexter juggles all the opposing forces in his life: from the intentions of the killer, and suspicions of police detectives to the safety of his new wife and stepchildren. All the while, Dexter is trying not to get caught and spend the rest of his life in jail. Apart from a pretty pointless journey to Cuba, which feels tacked on to the plot as kind of change of scenery, this is another very successful encounter with the wildly entertaining Dexter.

## FEATURES

### Attitude!

By Sara Brown  
NEWS EDITOR



They say the first step to curing a problem is admitting you actually have one. So, here goes nothing.

Hello, my name is Sara and I'm a Facebook addict.

You may think I'm joking or being my typical overdramatic self. I'm not. I have a serious problem. My friends are probably planning my episode of "Intervention" as we speak.

I don't know where my life got off track. Facebook started out as a fun, innocent activity that soon turned into my dirty little habit. As soon as I see a computer, I immediately think of Facebook. Putting me in a computer lab is the equivalent of putting crack in front of a crack head; bad things just ensue.

I'm constantly on it. It's disgusting to think about the hours I have spent on the site. I could have probably found the cure for cancer with all the time I've wasted. It is midnight and I have a 10 page paper due the next morning. I'll get to it, but first I need to log on to Facebook and see what my next door neighbor did on his Thursday night.

For me, the thing that is addictive about this social networking site is that its instant gossip at your fingertips. I live for finding out juicy gossip on Facebook. Seriously, when I find something out particularly scandalous, it's like getting a gift basket from Oprah.

I think that's why so many people are addicted. My generation loves gossip so much that we even invented a new term: creepers. Creepers are those people who spend hours on Facebook and find out the most random information about strangers. I'm amazing at "creepin." I could probably be in the FBI with all the stuff I have found out about people. Everyone is a creeper. Everyone at some point has looked up the hot kid's page that sits behind them in class or tries to find out who their ex is talking to now. Everyone has done it. I'm the only stupid one to publicly admit it.

Another reason why my life revolves around Facebook is because it's the only way I keep in contact with friends from back home. When my friends and I were deciding where to go to college, apparently the cool thing to do was to get as far away from Massachusetts as possible. My best friend went to Vermont and my other best friend went even farther and ended up in New Orleans. Seeing as I am morally opposed to using the phone, Facebook became the ideal way to keep in touch. In a strange way, logging on to Facebook is like a little piece of home, especially when I talk to those special people I love from home.

Until they come up with a version of the Betty Ford clinic for Facebook addiction, where I can go and detox myself from this website, I think I'm stuck with the addiction for a while. So, excuse me while I waste a few more hours of my life on Facebook.

### Midget on a mission performs at Campus Center

By Bri Nestor  
FEATURES EDITOR

The Campus Center is where many students will find new and upcoming artists, comedians, and entertainers from almost any area of the country. It is a rare opportunity for a student to feature their talents on the Campus Center stage. Deirdre McCombs is a junior at Lasell. Along with pursuing a degree in graphic design, McCombs is beginning her career as a stand-up comic. On Wednesday, September 23rd, she performed to a crowd of more than 75 Lasell students and faculty members. "I am the hot mess of the college," she said. "It's honestly the best crowd I have ever, ever had. I've been saying everything twice, just to emphasize my point."

**Q.** What first sparked your interest in stand-up comedy?

**A.** Well, you see, stripping wasn't working out. [laughs.] I just love making people laugh. I have always been witty, even as a little kid.

**Q.** How long have you been pursuing your goal as a stand-up comedian?

**A.** About a year and six months. My first gig was at the Chilihead BBQ [in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts].

**Q.** What do you do to prepare for a show?

**A.** I sit at the beach and write down every word that comes to mind, then I write down what I think is funny.

**Q.** Where do you find inspiration for your routines?

**A.** My grandmother. You know, she always tells me: 'Deirdre Theresa, just know this. If no one else in the room laughs, I will always be there laughing with you.'

**Q.** How do you balance stand-up comedy with school, family, friends, etc.?

**A.** I try as hard as I can. I do my homework during the day and comedy at night. I invite my friends [to the shows] to make them feel like they are a part of it.

**Q.** Tell me about your gig here at Lasell.

**A.** It's a one-hour special and it's called 'Midget on a Mission.' I am a midget and I am going to make



PHOTO BY EMELY DELSANTO

McCombs shines during her longest show to date at the Campus Center.

you feel as awkward as possible. That is my mission. People will ask me: 'Deirdre, why are you so strange?' and I'm like [sings] I do not know, I do not know.

**Q.** Describe a typical day for you.

**A.** Well, I wake up on the wrong side of the bed, because there's only one way, but my goal every day is to make everyone I meet laugh at least twice.

**Q.** Where would you like to see your

stand-up career go from here?

**A.** Bigger and better. I want to open for comics in LA. I'm moving to LA after I graduate. I want to have my own show.

**Q.** Who is your favorite comedian?

**A.** Kathy Griffin. She tells it like it is. She's, like, a drunken woman. When she tells a story, you'll be intrigued the whole time, and that's my comedic goal to keep people intrigued.

## Laser It!

By Allison Stein  
A&E EDITOR

**Name:**.....

Catherine Haydock

**Age:**.....

20

**Hometown:**.....

Yonkers, New York

**Major:**.....

Communications

**Concentration:**.....

Creative Advertising

**Involvement at Lasell College:**.....

President of the Class of 2011

**Laser It:**.....

"I'm pumped for the upcoming academic year and have plans for the class of 2011! Being class president is going to take a lot of time, but the excitement will keep my momentum."



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## FEATURES

### Fashion Fix

By Katelyn Cross  
1851 STAFF



Have you ever thought about how many similarities there are between relationships and shoes? So, picture this: You're at the mall. You pass by a shoe store and in the window is the most amazing pair of heels. You go in and try them on. They feel comfortable at first and you think you can handle wearing them for a period of time. You make it official and buy them. They make you feel sexy and confident.

The best relationships come out of nowhere, no searching involved. The most important relationships make you feel like you're on top of the world. At least at first.

Now sometimes the more you wear shoes, the more comfortable you get with them. Sometimes they work out great, but sometimes they don't. They start off comfortable and you're walking tall, but after a few hours, they start to dig into your skin.

If the relationship isn't working out, it can make you extremely uncomfortable. You may be head over heels in lust with a person in the beginning, but as you "wear them out" you may find yourself getting sick of them.

As time goes on, you find yourself wishing you had another pair. Another pair that will make you feel comfortable again. After hours of pain and walking when you think you might not make it any further, you take them off. You're relieved that you don't have to deal with the pain, but there is still a part of you that is disappointed.

They were so cute, so perfect, so not what you expected. You could wear them around the house, to work, or for a night on the town. You wanted them to be that pair of shoes that you could always rely on to make you feel beautiful. You wanted them to be that pair of shoes you could take anywhere, do anything in, and would never get sick of. But sometimes shoes are not made that way. Sometimes you have to try on different shoes to know which ones work, and which ones don't. Which ones you can walk in, and which ones you know will let you down. Is it so much to ask for a girl to want a pair that won't hurt her?

### Just a minute: Ashley Jannino

By Michelle McNickle  
EDITOR IN CHEIF

Any student listening to the Lasell radio station between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. is bound to hear the distinctive voice of Ashley Jannino. This pint size co-host is a dedicated DJ with an undeniable passion for hip hop. With two years of radio experience already, Jannino hopes to carry that experience into the real world along with her enthusiasm for the radio industry.

**Q.** Why did you choose to come to Lasell? What qualities appealed to you?

**A.** Honestly, I come here because I had no other choice. I had planned to go to a school in New York City, which was my first choice. I wanted to go to Pace University, but it ended up being too expensive. I ended up landing on one of my safety schools, Bridgewater, but that ended up being the only one that rejected me. It then came down to either Newbury College or Lasell, and I didn't really want to go to either.

**Q.** Did you have any expectations after you decided to come here?

**A.** No, I was very disappointed. I didn't want to come here at all. I can't explain it. The only way I could describe it was just being pissed off. I was very mad because all of my friends went to schools that they really liked, and I was stuck here. I wasn't happy at all.

**Q.** So what are your feelings now about Lasell?

**A.** Now I like it a lot better. I still don't think it was what I wanted since I really wanted to go to New York. It took some time, but I adjusted. I eventually met people, and had a social life. It did get better. I just had to give it some time.

**Q.** Who would be your ideal audience for your radio show?

**A.** Obviously people who are into hip hop. But for the majority of people who listen, I'd want them to be college students

within our age range. By doing the radio, I can definitely see it giving me experience while letting me network with artists and managers. So I guess, ideally, I would want them to be listening too.

**Q.** If you could interview any artist, Boston based or not, who would it be?



Junior Ashley Jannino co-hosts her radio show Mondays through Fridays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**A.** Well, this is probably a terrible idea, but I would love to interview Kanye West. Kanye can be very... not mean, but he can get very angry with the media if you say that you don't like something of his. I just wouldn't want that to happen.

**Q.** Who are your favorite music artists?

**A.** Well, I have a few, but my all time favorite would be Tupac. I don't even know how to explain why. He's just one of those rappers whose

songs are classic. He's been gone for so long, but his songs live on whether they're old or not. Tupac rapped about real issues. Some people think he's demeaning towards women in his lyrics, but he actually stuck up for them. I consider him more of a real rapper than anyone who's out there today. I also

### Campus Health

By Jill Ostiguy  
1851 STAFF



With fall just beginning and long winter months still ahead of us, it's never too early to start taking preventive measures to avoid illnesses such as, the flu and H1N1 (Swine Flu).

Some of the most effective ways to stay healthy are easy. With the addition of a new gym in McClelland, there is no excuse for not breaking a sweat during free time. Exercise is an important part of healthy living, along with other key factors including rest, drinking plenty of water, and eating a well-balanced meal.

The gym features new, state-of-the-art equipment and machines along with three super-sized plasma TVs. As an exercise advocate I make it a daily goal to spend at least 30 minutes in the gym. This time allows me to think and de-stress. Exercise is a form of relaxation in which your body releases endorphins to make you feel happy and alert. It also regulates your sleeping patterns and metabolism. The hours of the fitness center are the same as the gym located in Edwards.

Staying up to date with the latest health news is easy at Lasell. At the Health and Counseling Center, students can register for free monthly Student Health 101 newsletters. The informative online magazine offers tips and advice on everything from managing stress to what to wear during each season.

By utilizing the free resources Lasell has to offer, students will be off and running toward the direction of success!

like this rapper called Tolib Kweli. He is well known, but I feel like he's not as popular as a lot of other rappers. His music is more low-key than normal rap music. He has a lot of songs that are different; they're about more than just partying.

**Q.** Who are some of your least favorite artists?

**A.** There are so many! The most relevant artist who I don't really like would be Soulja Boy. Honestly, I think his music is garbage. I really don't like it. He came out with his first song, and that was a hit, but the rest of his songs... I don't know how people can listen to them. Some say that it's this kind of music which is bringing down hip hop.

**Q.** What do you mean by "bringing down hip hop?"

**A.** People say that hip hop is changing. Pretty much, the quality of the music is going down. So many people think that they can rap, so they go and record on album, and it's crap. There are so many artists out there who are talented but they don't get recognition.

**Q.** Why do you think those artists don't make it?

**A.** Because they're not showing off half-naked girls, and throwing one hundred dollar bills in your face. They're more down to earth, and I guess that's why.

# SPORTS

## PLAYER PROFILES

### SOCER Kaitlyn Fields

By Zac Vierra  
1851 STAFF



PHOTO BY ZAC VIERRA

Kaitlyn Fields is one of four captains on the women's soccer team. Fields considers herself a leader on the field and uses her position as an example for the other players to follow. Most of this year's team consists of freshmen who are new players that can benefit from Fields' experience on the team.

Fields, a three-year veteran, plays stopper on defense. Fields thinks that the soccer team is successful because of their young talent. She believes the team has potential to be one of the top three teams in the league.

Although Fields played other sports in high school, such as hockey and track, soccer has always been a constant. She has been playing soccer since she was three years old and, "loves everything," about the game. Playing soccer has taught Fields teamwork and how to rely on other skills which she tries to use in the real world.

Fields likes the small class sizes and people of Lasell and, of course, loves the soccer team. Her favorite memory on the field is scoring the game-winning goal in double overtime, with 30 seconds left, against Johnson and Wales University during the 2008 season.

Fields, a psychology major and criminal justice minor, enjoys watching hockey and is a Boston Bruins fan. However, her favorite player is Alexander Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals. Fields' two favorite foods are grilled cheese and macaroni and cheese. She has an eclectic taste in music and listens to everything.

### CROSS COUNTRY Matt Scully

By Brandon Chase  
1851 STAFF



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This season, freshman Matt Scully has been phenomenal for the men's cross country team. Thanks to his stellar performance, he has helped the Lasers runners finish high at many of their meets this year.

Scully, a graphic design major from Waterbury, CT, said that he did not begin his cross country career until his sophomore year of high school.

"I did soccer freshman year in the fall and track in the spring. I was really good at running, so I picked up cross country in the fall," Scully said.

He ultimately flourished throughout high school, being named rookie of the year during his sophomore year. He eventually reached State Opens and was crowned MVP of the Naugatuck Valley League in junior and senior years, respectively.

That talent has traveled with him to the collegiate level. Scully was named as the GNAC Rookie of the Week, and holds the fastest time on 8k race this year at 28:15.

When he is not running, Scully can be seen around campus hanging around with his, "bros." He loves to eat Domino's Pizza and listen to bands like Blink 182, The Beatles, Coldplay, Weezer, and A Day to Remember.

"I absolutely love running cross country. The feeling of running is indescribable. It takes physical and mental strength... If you work hard you will run the times you want to. Running also keeps me focused in school with my grades," he said.

With that attitude, it seems like Matt Scully will be a force in cross country throughout his career.

## Women's field hockey defeats Raiders 4-1

By Amy Morgan  
1851 STAFF

On Saturday, October, 3rd the women's field hockey team played the Rivier Raiders in Nashua, NH. It was a scoreless game until sophomore Concetta Nicoloro scored the first goal to give the Lasers the early lead with 16:52 left on the clock.

Less than a minute later Nicoloro scored again, putting the Lasers up by two.

"I scored just because I was in the right place at the right time," Nicoloro said. "I wouldn't have been able to score without my teammates doing a great job on the field!"

Nicoloro believes the team played a great game and added: "We had a rough start in the beginning of the season, but we are all jelling together now and we have im-

proved so much as a team."

Two more goals were scored during the game. One by junior Sara Jannuzzi and the other by senior, Justine McComb. The Raiders were able to get on the board thanks to a goal with 7:28 left to play, but the Lasers held the lead and got the win on the road, 4-1.

Lasell went into the game with a 3-6 overall record after beating Thomas College the Sunday before. The win brought the Lasers to 4-6, and this put them in fourth place in the standings. Rivier ended the game with a 1-5 record and remains in last place in the conference.



PHOTO BY KAYLEIGH ROBERSON

Lasell battled Rivier College for the 4-1 win.

## Lasell snags 2-1 win against Saint Joseph



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The Lasers took home an unprecedent win in the last seven seconds against Saint Joseph College. The first goal of the game was scored by freshman Alexis Vumbaca, with the winning goal scored by freshman Reagan Brackett.

## Students are ready for rugby

By Greg Gilley  
1851 STAFF

Yes, it's true. Twelve years after becoming coed, Lasell now has a full contact sport, rugby. The sport similar to football is now a club thanks to Captain and President of the Rugby Club, Kyle Bruneau.

Bruneau wanted to play rugby here but soon realized that there was no team. He spoke to Mike Costello, an orientation leader, over the summer and was told to contact Kristen Gallo, Coordinator for Student Organizations, about his interest.

Bruneau emailed Gallo to begin the process of setting up a team. To have a rugby team, it must be a club for two years. "That was my goal, to get a rugby club started," Bruneau said.

Soon after meeting with Gallo, rugby was awarded club status. To gain interest, Bruneau contacted new and returning students through Facebook.

Bruneau said, "I got great feedback." About one week after classes started, he received even more interest at the Activities Fair at the Campus Center, leading to many sign-ups. So far he has had a good showing of players at practices.

Freshman co-captain, Mike Sullivan and sophomore, Mike Costello, who serves as vice president, assist Bruneau.

The club practices whenever they can get field time at Grellier Field. They'll participate in two round-robin tournaments this month with their full season beginning next spring.

## Men's basketball is back

By Jordan Mayblum  
SPORTS EDITOR

Excitement is building for the upcoming men's basketball season, as the team looks to build on a successful 2008-2009 season. This year's team is younger than last year's, and will rely heavily on veteran leadership from captains Sean Joynes and Joey Vento as well, as Jude Biton, a senior forward returning from an injury that sidelined him last season.

The Lasers begin official practices on October 15th, and open their season on November 17th, on the road against Brandeis, the team that eliminated the Lasers from postseason play last year. Though Coach Aaron Galletta emphasized the importance of every game, he indicated there were a few points that stood out more than others, specifically, the games against league opponents.

Last season, the Lasers advanced deep into the postseason behind seniors Jose Guiñan and Brad Caravoulias. This year, the team

will look to a combination of seniors as well as veteran underclassmen to lead by example. The Lasers will build on last year's success, but to do so, Galletta and his senior players have emphasized the importance of coming together as a team.

Galletta referred to this season as a, "growing year," with the team's success relying heavily on how quickly they can develop. He did not rule out the possibility of replicating last year's success.

Senior Jude Biton said, "This year's team probably holds the most potential out of my entire four years playing for Lasell." He added that the most difficult challenge to overcome would be coming together as a team since there are many new faces.

Sean Joynes, captain, reiterated the idea of team chemistry as being a primary factor in the team's performance. He claimed a great

deal of responsibility for the overall success of the team. He said, "As a senior captain of the team, I have to be a leader for the underclassmen...on and off the court."

Since this year's team is younger than in the past, Galletta said he would look to certain players to step up and fill the void left by last year's seniors. He said he expects more of a contribution from sophomore guard Javon Williams, as well as Jude Biton, who missed all of last season with a torn ACL.

Williams, who averaged 13 minutes per game last year, received a vote of confidence in his ability to emerge as a leader this season. "Javon stepped up his game big time," said Biton.

The goal this year, according to Galletta, is not only to win games, but to develop a team that can win in the future.



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LASELL COLLEGE'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER

## Dynamic speakers visit campus

### Talk on gender changes

By Briana Nestor  
FEATURES EDITOR

On Wednesday, October 21, SAFE and The Center for Spiritual Life sponsored "Transformations: Transgendered People in Religious Bodies," a presentation on transgendered identity and religion. Two transgendered men spoke about their identities and faiths.

Reverend Barbara Asinger, Director of the Center for Spiritual Life, hoped to "develop a sense of compassion and understanding" through this presentation. "People that are on the outskirts of culture, for people that are rejected, [Lasell] is welcoming to those that are unwelcome in other situations," said Asinger.

Sally Jean-Baptiste, sophomore and president of SAFE, thought that GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender) issues are important to Lasell students, but transgender issues have not been looked at as closely. "We look at gay and lesbian issues, but not transgender issues. It's time these issues are brought up," said Baptiste.

The first speaker was Reverend Dr. Cameron Partridge. He is an Episcopal priest, Lecturer at Harvard University, and vicar of St. Luke's and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Allston. He lived in Berklee, California until he moved to Massachusetts in 1995. Partridge came out as a lesbian in college in 1993. "I was comfortable in the lesbian community, but there was a sense of being pressured to be increasingly male," said Partridge. He transitioned about eight years ago.

The second speaker was Mycroft Masada Holmes. He is also a transgender male and has lived in the Brookline and Newton area his entire life. Holmes is the co-chair of the Interfaith Coalition for Transgender Equality (ICTE) and chairs Keshet's Transgender Working Group (TWiG). Holmes is also a board member of Congregation Am Tikva and a member of St. Luke's and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. He is Jewish and Episcopalian and identifies as "transgender and transfaith."

Holmes also came out as a lesbian before transitioning. "That was authentic, but it didn't capture everything," he said. "GLBT work was my calling. I felt I needed to be acting on this and the faith piece got stronger and stronger."

Holmes and Partridge spoke in Rosen Auditorium about transgender issues in the realm of faith. "There is an assumption that religious bodies will be automatically condemnatory against transgendered people. It's more complicated



PHOTO BY KAYLEIGH ROBERTSON

Broadcast journalist Liz Walker speaks about her passion for Sudan in de Witt Hall.



Speakers Mycroft Masada Holmes (left) and Rev. Dr. Cameron Partridge (right) discussed transgender issues and spirituality.

than just being trapped in the wrong body," said Partridge. "I learned only after I was ordained that there are other transgender clergy."

Holmes and Partridge also talked about options for GLBT individuals within the faith community. "It's completely possible to be a transgendered individual and have a life in faith," said Holmes.

Partridge and Holmes spoke briefly about discrimination against transgender individuals in the workplace as well. "There is no protection

against discrimination against transgenders on a national or federal level," said Partridge.

Holmes encountered this problem in college. "I identified as a Criminal Justice major at Northeastern University. I was the only person in the co-op program who couldn't be placed [in a job position] because I was transgender," said Holmes.

Partridge ended the presentation by saying he "hopes people have a greater awareness of transgender and sexuality. We're not symbols of controversy."

### Liz Walker inspires

By Sara Brown  
NEWS EDITOR

Award winning broadcast journalist and Sudan activist Liz Walker spoke on how she made the journey from the fast paced world of the newsroom to the war torn streets of Sudan on October 13th in de Witt Hall.

Walker has been a television news journalist for 32 years, anchoring WBZ TV's evening newscasts for almost 20 years. One day, Walker was reading The Boston Globe and an article caught her attention. It was about modern day slavery in Sudan. "I read this article and everything just froze for me. I thought slavery was over," said Walker. "Unlike other articles, I decided to do something about it."

Walker went to her former boss at WBZ News and asked if she could go to Sudan and do a story on the genocide that was happening. Her boss told her no, stating that story was international news and WBZ was a local news channel.

Unable to take no for an answer, Walker went to Sudan on her own, bringing along her own camera. While in the country, Walker saw the true horrors of living in a country devastated by constant war. What shocked Walker was how ignorant other people were about Sudan. "How can people live like this and the rest of the world not know about it?" said Walker.

While Walker was in Sudan she also learned about the different terrorist groups that were hiding in the country and about Osama Bin Laden. When she arrived back in the states, she fought all summer long with her boss on getting the story aired. They finally agreed on a date and the special was supposed to air on a Tuesday in September. The piece never aired because that fateful Tuesday was September 11th, 2001.

Walker eventually left the news desk to continue her pursuit in Sudan. Since her departure from the evening news she has co-founded the organization "My Sister's Keeper," which advocates for women and children who are trying to rebuild their countries and lives. The organization produced documentaries on the crisis in Sudan and opened up a school for girls in the country.

Walker advises when doing anything in life, be patient. "You watch Oprah and usually figure out the problem in an hour and maybe she will give you a car," said Walker. "Life doesn't work that way."

Walker believes everyone has a purpose and calling in life. "A calling is knowing who you are at your irrefutable core...and when your joy meets the world's needs," said Walker.

## Students welcome family, friends and alumni

By Amy Morgan and Rachel Amiralian  
1851 STAFF

Freshman Haley Scott (center) with her parents on a Charles River tour.

From October 16th-18th Lasell hosted Family, Friends, and Alumni Weekend, with traditions the community has celebrated for over 100 years. Sunday was the scheduled day for River Day, the main event of the weekend. River Day is a big part of the weekend's tradition with canoe races and an outdoor barbecue. However, this year the activities were called off due to rain throughout the area.

Even with the cancellation of River Day, the weekend was anything but boring. On Saturday, some students and families chose to see the sites of Boston with a tour on the Charles River. The tour showed the various parts of Boston, ranging from the high-class buildings and restaurants to The Charles Street Jailhouse. The ninety-minute tour showed historical landmarks such as the USS Constitution and Bunker Hill Monument.

Other families chose to attend a land and sea tour with the Boston Duck Tours. A conDUCKtor lead the way through Boston, giving the history of the city and the best tourist spots to visit. Those who attended got to see the infamous Big Dig, along with

Government Center, Boston Harbor, Boston Common, and Newbury Street for the fashion lovers.

Of course the fashion did not stop there. The fashion department put on a presentation and invited Lasell students to discuss their experiences during current and previous internships, as well as the Paris trip last year. Justine McComb, Allison Busch, Jessica Carol, Rachel White, and Erin Pitts gave the reasoning behind Lasell's fantastic reputation for its fashion department.

Busch, Carol, White, and Pitts all attended the summer 2009 Paris trip. The students watched fashion shows, went to museums, worked with designers, and saw sites including the Eiffel Tower. Carol explained that the trip allowed her passion for fashion to grow and become a reality. The presentation showed how Lasell offers opportunities to prepare all students for their futures.

Around the campus there were even more activities going on including CAB's presentation of the movie "Up," an act by comedian Ryan Hamilton, an art and design showcase, plenty of sports games to watch, and great food to eat.

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# OPINION

## Editor's Column

### Burst out of the bubble

By Michelle McNickle

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As college students, most of us are inevitably busy. From a full course load, to part-time jobs, social lives and then some, the four years spent working towards a Bachelor's degree can be one of the most hectic times in a person's life. However, an increasing trend which I can't help but notice, and which is far too common at Lasell is this: college students are some of the most narcissistic people alive.

While that statement can sound harsh, I will be the first one to admit that I too can place myself in the center of my own little world. But far too often, we focus so much on ourselves and the immediate future, we lose sight of the bigger and more important picture.

While it can seem hard to think about now, these four years in college will end, and the microcosm known to us all as Lasell will vanish. Graduates will find themselves separated and spread out, without the comfort of former friends and the typical routine of classes, parties, and sleeping. The outside world will suddenly become so real, that the fact you were deemed flip-cup champion or best dressed in college, will hold no bearing whatsoever.

A requirement most majors have to fill at Lasell is to find and complete an internship by the end of senior year. This semester, I'm enrolled in an internship seminar class, where I'm taught how to create a résumé and present my accomplishments in the most positive light possible. A frustration of the professor who's teaching the class, that I've witnessed time and time again, is how little volunteer work students have completed during their college career.

In an effort to ease the transition into the real world, and to still benefit yourself when it comes to finding a job or internship, why not take a few hours out of your schedule to volunteer? Spend a Saturday helping a nonprofit group, instead of lying in your bed all day, hung over from the night before. Whether it's a day spent volunteering, or simply attending an event on campus, the satisfaction of helping others is truly rewarding.

Some of the most accessible and worthwhile volunteer opportunities students should consider can be found on campus. The option to tutor through the Center for Community Based Learning is a fantastic opportunity, along with many other ideas available through the CCBL. In addition, students who have taken public relations classes are aware of the Cradles to Crayons organization based out of Quincy. This non-profit has one of the most worthwhile initiatives imaginable, and includes opportunities such as spending a few hours organizing clothing and toys for children in need.

Another seemingly effortless way for students to benefit a non-profit is taking place this month on campus. Students in Professor Vicente's Media Relations class are holding a dance in the campus center, where attendees can either pay one dollar to get in, or bring an article of clothing to be donated to Cradles to Crayons.

It really is that simple. With so many opportunities readily available, there's no excuse for students not to break out of their bubbles, and volunteer.

## It's college, man

By Brandon Chase  
1851 STAFF

Picture this: It's nine o'clock on a Friday night. You are sitting with your roommate and a few friends watching TV and getting ready to go out for the night. Due to the fact that it's the weekend, drinking will be involved. As your friends walk towards the door, you decide to stay because you don't drink.

About three hours later, your roommate comes back just as you are getting ready for bed. He's not drunk, but he admits he was drinking. Out of the blue, he tells you a story he heard from some guy, that he heard from some other guy, that a girl in one of the dorms was on the verge of death because she drank too much. Finally, as you drift off to dreamland, you wonder why drinking alcohol is worth it.

Underage drinking and the over-consumption of alcohol has always been a problem at American colleges. The other problem lies with too many people pressuring others to drink.

I want to make it clear: I do not drink. I have never had a full alcoholic beverage, and I have never been drunk. Being in college, this can be hard, because not only am I not a drinker, I feel uncomfortable around those who have been drinking.

It is incredible how many times I've been pressured to drink on campus. I make it clear to people that I choose not to drink, but they come back with "come on man, it's college. You have to do it." Those

who do choose to drink, for whatever reason, must respect others. Just because they aren't the choices that are the norm, doesn't mean they aren't acceptable.

Second, it baffles me why people actually drink in the first place. Nothing good comes from consuming alcohol. Suppose a two-question survey was given here about alcohol use. The first question would ask if students drank and the second would ask, if they did, why. How many of those who said they drink would be able to give a logical answer why?

If the answer is "to get drunk," then a change of lifestyle is needed. Getting drunk does nothing but harm the body and it's a short-term fix of liquid poison.

Why would people want to do this night after night? Yes, it may be considered acceptable by some, but after that, I'm sure that same basic concept is called alcoholism.

People do not need to go out and drink on a nightly basis in order to have a good time. This school offers many events students can attend, so going out and getting drunk doesn't have to be on the night's to-do list. Boston is minutes away with shops, restaurants, museums, and music halls to keep students busy.



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The two-headed monster that is college drinking is hard to tame. But that doesn't mean people who do succumb to drinking should get others who don't to come along for the ride. I understand I can't get people to stop drinking. However, I can let them know there are others who don't drink and it is wrong to persuade them to start doing so. There are plenty of other alternatives to drinking. I mean, come on man, it's college.

## Let's re-think the meal plan

By Katelyn Cross  
1851 STAFF

Lasell College meal plans come in three different options. The Gold plan consisting of 19 meals per week, \$25.00 in Dining Dollars and two guest passes for Valentine Dining Room per semester. The Silver plan consists of 14 meals per week, \$75.00 in Dining Dollars, and six guest passes for Valentine Dining Room per semester. The Bronze plan has 14 meals per week, \$125 in Dining Dollars and two guest passes for Valentine Dining Room per semester. The Bronze meal plan however, is only available to sophomores and higher.

The dining hall serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner every weekday and brunch and dinner is served on Saturdays and Sundays. Students can also purchase lunch or dinner at Lasell's Take-Three. There, students have the choice of an entrée (salad, sandwich, fruit or pasta), a drink, and a snack. There is also the option of the Campus Center's Jazzman's Café and the Grill. Students can use their meals from their meal plan at Take-Three and their Dining Dollars or Laser Loot at the campus center and the other smaller cafes in the library and Wolfe Academic Building.

The only problem I have with this system is that students cannot use their unused meals from the week for their guests. Say I have 19

meals a week, but I only use 17. There should be no reason I cannot use my two left over meals for my guests. The main reason for this is because I have already paid for 19 meals a week. If I am not allowed to use all my allotted meals for that week, I am essentially wasting my money. Personally, I do not believe it matters who eats my meals, considering I have already paid for them, and the dining hall has to make enough food to feed me if I choose to use all my 19 meals for the week.

The student handbook states, "meal cards are non-transferable; students are not permitted to lend their meal cards to someone else, nor are they permitted to use someone else's meal card." Alright, so I won't use my meal card to swipe for my roommate who has a meal card of her own. But what if I have a friend from home come to visit? That person is not a Lasell student and does not have a Lasell meal card. There should be absolutely no reason why I shouldn't be able to use my unused, paid-for meals for my guest. I believe this is extremely unfair to whomever is paying the tuition, which includes a meal plan for residents. It's time for Lasell to re-plan the meal plan.

## Thermostat troubles

By Alyssa Lusky  
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With record high temperatures last fall, who would have thought Massachusetts would experience snow in the middle of October? That said, it's time to turn up the heat at Lasell. But at what cost to our pockets and to our environment?

With the college's "going green" initiative, one can't help but wonder why the heat at this school is turned up so high. Some people would argue the opposite. They would complain that their rooms are too cold. Why not give the opportunity for students to set the heat in their own rooms?

At the beginning of October, my room started to get noticeably hotter. So hot that my roommates and I would have to leave our windows open during the day (and sometimes at night) just to reach a happy medium. If the college is so enthused to enhance our efforts at going green, isn't heat going out an open window enough reason to think of a better solution?

The college uses both heating oil and natural gas depending on the building. According to the Energy Information Administration, heating oil is projected to go up to \$2.64 per gallon. With natural gas, the Financial Forecast Center projects natural gas to reach its highest price of \$5.40 per MMBTU (thermal unit) this winter.

By allowing students to control the temperature of their rooms, heat wouldn't be wasted the way it is now. Installing thermostats in dorm rooms could save money at Lasell, improve the college's carbon footprint, and make students happier. It's a beneficial solution for everyone.

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As Thanksgiving approaches, it has me reminiscing of past Thanksgivings. I've had some bad ones, some of which include having no furniture when I was twelve and having to eat a deli plate on the floor with my sister and brother. However, the Thanksgiving of my senior year in high school was one to remember.

My mother decided we would join my aunt and uncle for a Thanksgiving gathering in some sort of hall. My entire family was there: the family who doesn't really enjoy my humor, and the family who treats me like the black sheep. My family finds my jokes insulting and a waste of time, which translates to me telling as many jokes as I can.

Cut to me yelling at the staff and asking whose bright idea it was to ruin my precious stuffing. Who puts apricots in stuffing? My stuffing should be fruit free, and consist of bread, water and butter: nothing else. Don't put carrots in my stuffing and don't even think about raisins! Celery is pushing it! Just leave my stuffing alone! My aunt was not pleased. She was so upset that she asked me a question that sparked a long awaited rant against my status as the black sheep of the family.

My aunt came up to me and asked, "Are you even going to graduate?" Was I going to graduate? That was it. Not only was I student council body president, but I was also speaking at graduation. I lost my temper. What could I say? I was already over the edge about my stuffing.

## On duty

**By Michelle McNickle**

**and Sara Brown**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF / NEWS EDITOR

As students begin the weekly countdown to a much anticipated Thursday night, it seems that only one group of people stand in the way of a truly fun-filled evening: those pesky Resident Assistants. While it may seem that the sole purpose for their role on campus is to be walking buzz-kills, a recent opportunity to experience a Thursday night on duty will hopefully open the eyes of students as to what it is that a Resident Assistant truly does. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, on either ends of campus, four anonymous RAs were followed, and their encounters were documented.

### 9:30 p.m.

First set of rounds, and the RAs had been bracing themselves since the beginning of the day because of Halloween weekend. The right

## Get active!

**By Jordan Mayblum**

SPORTS EDITOR

Jay Gildea, President of the newly founded Sports Management Club, talks about getting involved and starting a new club on campus.

**Q. What types of things did you do to get word out about the club?**

A. Well, first semester, I held bi-weekly meetings in order to establish a strong member base. Then, once we became eligible in second semester, I planned and accomplished events such as a whiffle ball tournament and Fenway Pork tour as well as designing club T-shirts, all of which were very successful.

**Q. What were your most significant challenges in establishing the club as a respected organization?**

A. Finding the balance between my academic work and the work that has to be done for the club. Also, we had to deal with a lot of obstacles that come with starting a new club. Specifically, learning the procedure involved with getting funding. Basically, the whole

first year was just learning on the job which obviously is going to present a lot of challenges.

**Q. What contributions did you receive from your fellow officers?**

A. Ben Segol, the treasurer, made a lot of great contributions to the club, especially when I was unable to run the wiffle ball tournament, he really stepped up and made it run smoothly... He also did a great job budgeting the club [funds] so that the events we wanted to happen could actually happen.

**Q. If you could advise someone trying to establish a new club, what would be the most important piece of advice you could give?**

A. You need to establish as many strong contacts as you can because you never know who can help you in the long run. Building the Sports Management Club helped me build some of those connections, with Dr. Prior's experience, there's no telling the help he could provide to club members and sport management majors in general. Also, I'd tell them that before you start the process of making a club, be sure that you're committed to putting in the effort needed to make it successful.



Members of the Sports Management Club.

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**By Sara Brown**

NEWS EDITOR

Growing up, I never had any unique talents. I was either mediocre or downright horrible at everything. I was raised in Andover where I was surrounded by protégé wannabes. The parents in town thought their little Suzy or Tommy was talented because they took one violin class. Then there was me, and all anyone could say was, "There is Sara...a sweet girl." Thanks. I feel special.

There were two areas in Andover where a kid could stand out: academics or athletics. Luckily for me, I was no Albert Einstein or Mia Hamm. I got good grades but growing up with a learning disability and dyslexia I knew winning the National Spelling Bee was never going to be in my future.

Athletics was a different disaster. The term "uncoordinated" was invented for me. During gym, I was the last kid picked in dodge ball, not because I was unpopular but because I was a medical emergency waiting to happen. The words "Sara" and "graceful" will never be in the same sentence. To be blunt, if I can go a day without falling to my death, it's been a great day.

With academics and athletics getting me nowhere, I was determined to find that thing to make me stand out. I started joining every club and activity offered. I wanted people to know me other than a sweet, quiet girl. I wanted people to say, "Oh, that Sara is going places," or "Sara? Yeah she is going to be famous and on Oprah."

Anything to get people to stop calling me sweet.

Around this time, I started to write feverishly. I carried a notebook everywhere I went. The process of releasing my thoughts from pen to paper was cathartic for me. I never thought of writing as serious. It was a hobby.

Somewhere in between all the clubs I joined, I decided acting was going to be my ticket to success. However, it's hard to be the next Julia Roberts when the only parts you get are Lady in Waiting number seven. Despite the setbacks, I was persistent and convinced myself if I worked my way up in the drama department, I would be on my way to leading lady and making out with Orlando Bloom.

In eighth grade, my teacher assigned everyone to write a short story. I was blessed with a vivid imagination, and I banged out a story in 15 minutes. My teacher read it and was impressed. "You know Sara, you should think about becoming a writer professionally," she said. As those words left her mouth, my mind went "Duh! You are standing here trying to win a freaking Academy Award when your real talent is right under your nose. Literally."

Writing soon became more than a hobby for me. It became my passion. The thing that made me special. I don't know what career I will choose in the future but I can guarantee writing will be a huge factor. If there is anything I have learned, it is that everyone has a talent. It just takes some people a little longer to figure out what theirs is.

## Just a minute: Yuma Watanabe

**By Ben Howard**

1851 STAFF

You've decided to go to college. You leave your home country, travel half way around the world, and find yourself in the middle of an entirely different culture. You only have the basics of the language under your belt. If this sounds crazy, you might be surprised that this is exactly what freshman Yuma Watanabe of Tokyo, Japan, chose to do.

Watanabe is a 22 year old Communications major at Lasell.

America's diversity and the opportunity to see another part of the world pushed him to study abroad. "Japan is a very small country, and everyone there is Japanese. I wanted to see outside," Watanabe said.

Japanese students are required to take English as part of their education, but Watanabe said it was very rudimentary. "It was like, 'That is called a pen, that is called



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side of campus was deemed quiet early on, and consisted of visits to four dorms, three of which are considered "wet" and permit alcohol to those who are of age. While certain rooms had music on quite loudly, no warnings were given and notes were taken regarding which rooms were playing music.

Across campus, rounds had begun in two dorms: one wet and one dry, and these RAs meant business. As they walked between the two dorms, an ambulance had already been to a dorm in response to a "medical emergency," the technical term given to the incident. Rooms with music playing loudly received a harsh knocking on the door, and were warned of quiet hours, which were beginning at 10 p.m.

### 11:30 p.m.

The right side of campus had begun to pick up, and the RAs began their second set of rounds. As costumed students made their way in and out of the buildings, the RAs fought their way through the generically clad crowds and cleared out one room in a "wet" building. All students under the age of 21 were asked to leave, while those over 21 were able to stay.

The left side of campus showed signs of rowdiness as well. As the police decided to accompany the RAs on their next set of rounds, warnings were given to certain rooms which had been noted earlier on during the night. A room was cleared out in the dry building, with all un-

derage students asked to leave. Solo cups and an inflatable pong table were also disposed of.

### 12:45 a.m.

Cops were called to the right side of campus as students under the age of 21 returned to the same room already cleared out during the second set of rounds. While no write-ups occurred, the entire room was cleared out, including those over the age of 21. Beforehand, alcohol was taken immediately out of the hands of those wandering the halls, by the police.

As the night was drawing to a close, at least for the RAs on duty, the left side of campus had a clearing out of a formerly warned room, as well as a write-up. As approximately 15 students made their way out of a room in a "wet" dorm, all of them had their names taken down due to the fact that they were underage. Police confiscated three large bottles of alcohol which had been left in the room's common area, and reiterated to those involved that alcohol left in common areas, whether it was being drunk or not, was prohibited around those who were underage.

Due to privacy and confidentiality restrictions, the full experience of being "on duty" cannot be fully disclosed. However, after witnessing the shenanigans commonly experienced on a Thursday night, it is safe to say that the job of an RA is to maintain protection over students who attempt unwise choices.

## FEATURES

## FALL HAPPENINGS

Photos by Sara Brown,



(Top left) Students Sosho Trottier and Angelette Lopes celebrate Halloween in their costumes. (Top middle) Students hand out candy in their dorms to trick-or-treaters. (Top right) Cheerleaders perform at Fon Fest. (Center left) Cross country senior David Wolsh is congratulated by his father after recognition ceremony. (Center middle) Awosh Hoile pumps up the crowd during Fon Fest. (Center right) Senior goalkeeper Julian Dutton high-fives teammates before their Senior Day game. (Bottom left) Campus Activity Board members participate in Fall Fest during Friends and Family Weekend. (Bottom right) Alcohol Awareness month educates students on the effects of excessive drinking.

## A small town girl doing big town things

By Tara Rufo  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

What little girl doesn't dream of making it big someday? Whether it's becoming a doctor, a business entrepreneur, or a professional athlete, little girls tend to have extreme goals for their future. Little girls play dress up so they can become a model or a movie star. Other girls join athletic teams either at their school or in their hometown. Kids play sports not only for the love of the game, but because they aspire to become a professional athlete someday. That wasn't the case for junior Lindsey Barrows.

Barrows who is 20 years old, grew up in Winchendon and when she was nine years old, signed up for Pop Warner cheerleading. She didn't try out because she dreamed of cheering for a professional football team; she tried out because her best friend was already on the squad. "I always joined cheerleading teams to have fun with my friends," Barrows said.

Even in high school she joined her school's cheering team so that she could spend more time with her friends and just for the sheer entertainment. "Growing up I cheered for fun, I was more serious about dancing. I danced for ten years studying everything: ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop, lyric, and point," said Barrows.

Even after cheering throughout elementary school, middle school, and high school, Barrows still did not take cheerleading too seriously. It wasn't until a dance teacher asked her to go to the New England Patriots cheerleading auditions because she did not want to go alone.

"I didn't expect to make it, but I figured it would be good for me to go on an actual audition. After I made it through the first round of try-outs I thought that this was something I could actually do. After about four cuts I made the final team," Barrows said.

Every year the cheerleaders have to audition again for the team. Barrows has been fortunate enough to make the team every year she has auditioned. "We can't ever get too comfortable with our position so we're constantly working our hardest," Barrows said.

Cheering for the Patriots has provided Barrows with incredible opportunities. She was selected as one of eight NFL cheerleaders to travel to Japan to promote Super Bowl XLIII. Barrows called this trip "a huge honor because I was the only cheerleader chosen from the Pats."

Not only does Barrows cheer for the Patriots, she is also a full time student, and she works

Junior Lindsey Barrows balances school work with a hectic schedule cheering professionally for the New England Patriots.

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part time. "Sometimes it can be difficult to balance school, work, and cheerleading, but I love what I do so I make it work," Barrows said. "I like being busy, I hate being bored, so I try to fit as much as I can in so I don't miss out on anything. If I feel like I have too much on my plate I don't volunteer for as many cheerleading appearances, or I ask for fewer hours from work."

## Campus Health

By Jill Ostiguy  
1851 STAFF

Because students are coming off their sugar highs from Halloween, there is no more appropriate time to highlight that November is National Diabetes Awareness Month.

Every year, 1.6 million cases of diabetes are diagnosed in people ages 20 and older. This highly preventable disease can also cause heart disease, stroke, and other serious complications. Diabetes can be prevented by taking a few small measures. Daily exercise and good nutrition, although it may seem simple, are two major beneficial factors that can decrease your chances of becoming pre-diabetic.

Pre-diabetes is the early developmental stages of diabetes before it is diagnosed. A staggering two million teenagers between the ages of 12 and 19 have pre-diabetes. The good news is that making slight changes and improvements in your diet and exercise activity can inhibit the onset of type 2 diabetes and for some, even return blood glucose levels to normal.

There are approximately 17.9 million people living in the United States that have been diagnosed with diabetes. Of that total number, an estimated 5.7 million don't even know that they have diabetes. There are two common forms of diabetes that include type 1, formerly known as juvenile diabetes and type 2 diabetes. Approximately 24 million people are living with either one. Type 1 is mostly found in children and young adults and their bodies are unable to produce insulin, a hormone necessary to convert sugar into energy. Type 2 is the most common form of diabetes found in millions of Americans of all ages. With Type 2, the body does not produce enough insulin or the cells that depend on it reject the insulin. The body depends on the breakdown of insulin for daily energy, taken from foods consumed over the course of the day.

This information is not to scare students. It is to raise awareness and to inspire students to spread the word. One person can make a difference. There is something we can all do to help prevent and stabilize diabetes. To learn more or get involved during November, log onto stopdiabetes.com. For more information about diabetes and easy preventive tips, check out diabetes.org.

This is Barrows' last year as a Patriots cheerleader. "We have a three year rule" she explained. Throughout her last season cheering for the Pats she plans to expand her professional network in hopes of becoming a broadcaster for them someday. She would also like to continue dancing professionally.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Movie Review: Paranormal Activity

By Sara Brown  
NEWS EDITOR

If you enjoy a good restful slumber or believe sleep is a vital part of living a healthy life, then seeing "Paranormal Activity" may be detrimental to your sanity...or at least your sleeping habits.

"Paranormal Activity" was shot for \$11,000 and has the same "real lost video" vibe as "The Blair Witch Project." The premise of the movie is about a cute suburban couple Katie (Featherston) and Micah (Sloat) who move in together. Supernatural things start happening to Katie at night, which is nothing new to her since she has been dealing with this since the tender age of eight. Micah, on the other hand, much to the chagrin of his girlfriend, finds all of this exciting and fascinating.

When things start to go bump in the night, the couple decides to video tape their every move in hopes of catching the activity on film. Most of the activity takes place in their bedroom. After seeing some unsettling footage, Katie decides to call a psychic for guidance. She soon finds out that it isn't the house that's haunted, but it's her. The psychic tells her it's a demon that is after her and she should call a demonologist. The couple ignores that advice and tries to take care of the demon on their own.

After some baby powder, an Ouija board and many sleepless nights, things go

from creepy to downright terrifying. When the ghostly happenings get too much for the sleep deprived couple to handle, they finally call the demonologist, but unfortunately for them, he is out of the country and won't be back for a few days. The couple tries to wait it out, resulting in the final thirty minutes of the movie which are truly bone chilling.

The fear in "Paranormal Activity" is built upon the uncomfortable tension in the movie. It takes a slow, easy pace to get to the truly scary stuff. Audiences have to be patient, but all the while, you are left quivering in your seat. Silence is also another trick this movie uses masterfully. There is no creepy music letting you know something bad is

going to happen, just silence which is ten times worse. A truly horrifying scene is when the couple is screaming down the hall, but the camera isn't on them. You are left in the dark as to what is going on. The painful sounds of the couple screaming are scary, but when they suddenly stop screaming, the true fear begins.

If you are a slasher movie fan who enjoys one exciting kill after the next, this movie is not for you. However, if you can be patient enough to watch "Paranormal Activity," you will truly be freaked out.



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Paranormal Activity, which is reminiscent of "The Blair Witch Project" leaves audiences truly terrified.

Senior Brian Yepez performed his showcase at the campus center.

## Band Profile: A Fine Frenzy

By Michelle McNickle  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Known by her stage name "A Fine Frenzy," singer songwriter Alison Sudol's angelic voice and masterful piano skills made for her debut album, "One Cell in the Sea," to be an inevitable success. This Seattle native is admittedly "nerdy and quiet," and used her passion of literature to adopt the band name "A Fine Frenzy" from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Sudol's career began recently in 2007, after touring with and opening for "The Stooges" at the South by Southwest (SXSW) conference. The release of her first single "Almost Lover" shortly followed, and reached number 25 on Billboard's Hot Adult Contemporary Tracks chart. Sudol went on to tour once again in March of 2008,

headlining alone and covering not only the U.S. and Canada, but European locations as well, including France, Germany, and Switzerland.

Sudol's "One Cell in the Sea" also produced other hit singles such as "You Picked Me," which was featured on iTunes as a "Free Single of the Week." Sudol's debut album was also recognized by VH1, who featured "A Fine Frenzy" as a "You Ought to Know" artist. Yet, with the release of Sudol's sophomore album, "Bomb in a Birdcage," listeners can expect a different sound as compared to "One Cell in the Sea."

"On the first record, I felt very young, and I think I made up for it by being very serious... about everything..." said Sudol. "This time, I didn't want to limit myself. I wanted to stretch and grow and push myself past my comfort zone. I also wanted to have fun."

As her music continues to develop and Sudol explores other sounds, the crooning, gentle persona she adopted through of "One Cell in the Sea," lead Sudol to present the public with a more upfront personality, as shown in "Bomb in a Birdcage."

"I think some people may be surprised," said Sudol. "They think that I'm all fragile and ethereal—and that's lovely, it's flattering. It's all I've really let anyone see, up to this point. But I have a wild side too. I like to bang on things and cause a ruckus every now and then. I'm a quiet person with a loud streak. I like both. This record is a testament to that."



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A Fine Frenzy frontwoman Alison Sudol releases her second album "Bomb in a Birdcage."

## Student Showcase: Brian Yepez

By Christina Annicelli  
1851 STAFF



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On a frigid Wednesday at Lasell, I found warmth at the campus center. I settled down to absorb the acoustic set of Brian Yepez. His name proves to be well-known around campus, but I myself had never seen or heard him perform before. I was very curious to see what his showcase would include.

At first, the acoustic set struck me as strictly friendly, feel good folk. I quickly realized that this was not the case. Yepez's raw voice broke through and I was immediately intrigued by the diversion from what I was expecting. Sensing influences of performers such as "Against Me" and "Rise Against," I became drawn in further by the diversity of the sound.

Then, Yepez addressed the audience by introducing an original song called "Never Give It Up," about things that are lost and people he never got to know. The story in this song reiterated my interest in Yepez's music. The earnest emotions evoked created a fantastic mood.

This sensitive rocker proclaims that he will not let down the people who love him and proceeds to dedicate a song to a girl who he sings to every night through her window. The remainder of the songs are fun covers such as, "Wagon Wheel" by Old Crow Medicine Show, "Suns Gotta Rise" by Citizen Cope, "The District Sleeps Alone Tonight" by The Postal Service, "Born to Run" by Bruce Springsteen, "Basket Case" by Green Day, and "Hey Ya!" by OutKast. After the show, I also had the opportunity to sit with Yepez for an interview.

**Q. What got you interested in making music?**

**A.** My uncle played guitar in a metal band; he taught me everything I know. Musician Tom Gobel also inspired me. He once said, 'be the music you want to hear.' I want to play what I would want to hear if I was in the audience.

**Q. What inspires you to write music?**

**A.** It just comes to me; it's just something that happens. I am inspired by personal experiences, like broken hearts. I lose inspirations when my heart is unglued.

**Q. What music do you listen to? Who are your musical influences?**

**A.** I listen to the Bouncing Souls, a lot of punk rock, Against Me, and more recently, I've been listening to electronic, like Owl City and the Postal Service, but I enjoy everything.

**Q. How long have you been writing/performing music?**

**A.** Well, in the fifth grade I performed "Jock and Dione" for a song contest at my daycare. I got my first electric guitar in the seventh grade and I just learned how to play it. To quote Mott the Hoople, 'Music just makes sense to me.'

**Q. What do you want your audience to get out of your performances?**

**A.** To really listen. People never listen.

**Q. Is there anything else you want to tell readers?**

**A.** Yes, be the music you want to hear and think for yourself. Remember that wherever you go, you will always bring "you" with you, so being true to what you want to do is important. I am a bad singer, but I always yell at the top of my lungs like no one is watching.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Girly Life

By Katelyn Cross  
1851 STAFF



It doesn't take much to ruin the color white. You have to be careful with such fragile things. A stain on a white shirt sticks out like dirt on white shoes. Even something as small as a tiny paint smudge on

a white canvas can create the most difficult of situations. It can take more effort fixing the problem than it did to create it.

Reputations can be destroyed just as easily. The most pristine things, whether it be a person's reputation, or a simple white T-shirt can be tarnished in a split second.

Think of white fabric; like a white purse, for example. You buy it, take it home, and it's the most brilliant shade of eggshell white. For the first few weeks, you keep it out of any messy area. You don't put it down, and you most certainly do not keep it near anything that could potentially get it dirty. You take every precaution to make sure that your white stays fresh and clean.

Reputations and white fabric are one and the same. People will go to great lengths to make sure their name is unsoiled. However, it only takes a small amount of dirt on your record to ruin a perfectly good character. Say you're a businesswoman for a multimillion-dollar fashion magazine; everyone who's anyone knows your name. You're known around the world and especially in your central design center as an extremely humble, warmhearted individual. However, word gets out that you published a small, 300 word article on how real fur feels better than faux fur. Animal rights activists are outraged. Such a small article may very well ruin the status of your entire magazine - dirt on your perfectly clean name.

Stigmas are stains. Once a criminal, always a criminal. Slip and get permanent marker on your white scarf, there's no going back. People judge you based on what they see in the first seven seconds of meeting you. In those seven seconds, you have a chance to either make or break your clean, white name. So ladies, keep your whites as white as you can, because once you get dirt on your reputation, sometimes you can't get those stains out.

## Laser It!

By Briana Nestor  
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## Where the Wild Things Are

By Kimberly A. Hooper  
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The storybook classic "Where the Wild Things Are" comes to life in a creative big-screen adventure.

A picture-book featuring 564 words, amazing pictures, and a curious boy named Max, has come to life and been turned into one of the most exciting adventures on the big-screen this year. The picture book written by Maurice Sendak in 1991, earned the Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished picture book of the year.

The movie version of 'Where the Wild Things Are,' directed by the talented Spike Jonze, is a magical film about a boy named Max, played by Max Records, who has an imaginative mind. Max is dressed in a wolf suit, and he is prepared to make mischief.

Deep down, Max feels as though his mother and sister do not pay him enough attention. He retaliates by stomping around his sisters room, while soaked with snow, like a "wild thing." The two most important people in Max's life have something that he does not; a best friend. Max angry and storms out of the house.

Max sails away on a small, aged boat alone. He fights a substantial storm and eventually finds land. He climbs the rocks and sees many large and colorful creatures ruining their homes. The creatures are life-like and their facial expressions and emotions depict those of actual humans. The wild creatures sniff Max,

unsure what kind of being he is. The creatures decide to name Max their new king. Instantly, the wild things love Max.

Max plays the role of a parental figure and has a strong bond with two of the wild things, KW (played by Lauren Ambrose) and Carol (played by James Gandolfini). Max finds great comfort in the wild things and finally feels as though he has found creatures that understand and accept him.

It is amazing how a boy so small, seen riding along an enormous ocean, can have such an impact on a tight-knit group of wild things. Every member of the audience can relate to Max and the wild things.

"Where the Wild Things Are" is creative, unique, and detailed. It is able to take viewers on an adventure that is filled with crushes, friendships, fear, sadness, laughter, and determination.

The movie is rated PG (parental guidance suggested) and there are scenes that include violence and anger. "Where the Wild Things Are" should be viewed by an older age group and is now playing at a theater near you. The film deserves to be seen and understood, and it is definitely worthy of an Academy Award.

## Monster Jam 2009 is a hit

By Sara Brown  
NEWS EDITOR

The annual Monster Jam, presented by Boston radio station, Jam'n 94.5, was held last Monday and took over the city of Boston with the biggest and best names of hip hop music today.

TD Garden was filled with thousands of fans who got to hear the music of Three 6 Mafia, Jeremih, Jay Sean, Mario, The Dream, Keri Hilson, Fabolous, and Pitbull.

One of the most notable acts was Mario. Mario played some of his biggest hits including his most recent smash "Break Up." This song has reached the top 20 in the "Billboard Hot 100" and has reached number one on the mainstream urban charts. Mario lit up the stage with his immaculate dance moves and easy going charm. Much to the delight of his many female fans, Mario also shined on the stage with his six-pack, as he ripped off his white beater to reveal his chiseled chest, filling the TD Garden with girls' screaming voices.

In between the acts, some of the best hip hop DJs spun the hottest records of old and new. The greats like Jay Z, Biggie Smalls, and Tupac were played while attendees of the concert were dancing in the aisles.

Another noteworthy act was Fabolous. Fabolous is a Monster Jam veteran with the most appearances at Monster Jam ever. Fabolous played some of his greatest hits such as "Throw It In The Bag" and "Breathe." The Grammy nominated artist was "one of the best acts of the night," said Gillian Peguero, a recent Lasell grad. "You could tell he was putting his heart on that stage which just made the crowd go wild."

## Artist Review: Paolo Nutini

By Brian Cotnoir  
1851 STAFF

Paolo Nutini is a singer and songwriter unlike any other. The 22 year old from Paisley, Scotland has already made quite a buzz in the United Kingdom. The success of his debut album "These Streets" (2006) has sold over one million copies to date.

Now, Nutini is looking to leave an impression on music fans in America. Most recently, he released an album titled "Sunny Side Up," which features tracks such as "Pencil Full of Lead" and "Coming Up Easy."

Nutini's sound is uniquely his own. One of the first things you will notice after listening to his music is his thick Scottish accent. His accent flows over the lyrics that, at times, sound totally incoherent. All that aside, Nutini's background music sounds like a fusion of jazz, swing, country, folk, and rock.

Nutini is perfect for students who are fans of musicians such as Jason Mraz, John Mayer, Dave Matthews Band, Bryan Adams, Ben Lee, and the Cherry Poppin' Daddies. Recommended tracks are "Pencil Full of Lead," "Growing Up Beside You" and "Alloway Grove."

For more information on Nutini go to [paolonutini.com](http://paolonutini.com) and check out his music, music videos, and find out when he might be playing in your area.



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### Involvement at Lasell College:

- Soccer goal keeper
- Tutor in the Academic Achievement Center
- Peer Health Counselor

### Laser It:

"Jazz is not just a cognitive thing, it's a spiritual thing. Playing a good show or playing a good solo is unlike anything else."

# SPORTS

## PLAYER PROFILE

### BASKETBALL

#### Tricia Culver

By Brandon Chase  
1851 STAFF



PHOTO COURTESY OF TRICIA CULVER

Senior Tricia Culver, a forward and second year captain of the Lasell Women's Basketball team, has been the go-to player for the team throughout her tenure as a Laser. She says that this season will be a long and tough one because of the large amount of newcomers to the squad.

"We are going to have to play tough and hard every game in order to win. I do see us making it to the tournament at the end of the season and see us having a winning record as we go into winter break," she says. However, with Culver's talent and leadership skills, this mission should be easier to accomplish.

Hailing out of Northampton, the Sports Science major has been playing basketball since the first grade when her mom signed her up to play with her best friend, whose father was the coach. She has developed a love and a passion for the game ever since then, and she shows it with her statistics.

Culver recorded a career high 23 points during a 2008 game against Regis College and was on All-Tournament honoree at the Wheaton College Tip-Off Tournament, netting 28 points, 12 rebounds, six assists and four steals in two games.

As far as life on campus, Tricia is the President of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and is a blue key society member, working in the admissions office. She is also focused on continuing her education after graduation.

"Everything is up in the air. I have thought about taking a year off from school, but I plan to apply to grad school. [I'm] not sure where yet but I would like to master in the field which I can continue to work with strength and conditioning... I would also love to get involved with coaching basketball in the future too."

By the looks of things, the Lasell Women's Basketball team has a strong leader in Culver. If she is as focused on the court as she is off of it, then the lady Lasers will have a successful 2009/2010 season.

### SOCER

#### Joshua Martinez

By Greg Gilley  
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PHOTO BY KAYLEIGH ROBERTSON

Joshua Martinez, who comes from Milton, plays right outside midfield for the men's soccer team at Lasell. Martinez has been playing three years now for Lasell, and plans to play his senior year. Martinez has shown excellent improvements in the sport since freshman year. He won the "Most Improved Player" award his sophomore year. Martinez was also an MVP for his high school team during his senior year. He majors in Communications and minors in Environmental Studies and says "I really enjoy it."

His favorite soccer moment is when he played for his team club, Eastern Mass FC Red Devils, where he had a hat trick against Athol and came back to beat them 5 to 3. He says, "that was a great experience for the team and me."

Off the field Martinez goes to the gym to stay in shape. Martinez is a big fan of video games. He likes to play FIFA '10. Besides that he says, "I love football." He is a huge Patriots fan and tries to go to at least one game a season. He will be attending the Patriots vs. Jets matchup on November 22nd at Gillette Stadium.

A player that inspires Martinez is Shaun Wright-Phillips. "He is the same height and weight as me and is an incredible soccer player. Gaes on to show no matter what size you are, you can play soccer. He's phenomenal."

## Senior day bittersweet and one to remember

By Zac Vierra

1851 STAFF

with 32:56 remaining in the second half.

The Lasers reclaimed the lead with 18:43 left in the second off the foot of sophomore Kyle Cronin to put Lasell up 2-1.

The lead lasted roughly 10 minutes as Emmanuel got the equalizer with 7:23 left in regulation. Kevin Shirley scored for the Saints.

The game went to overtime and the first 10 minute overtime period went scoreless. It was still tied 2-2 in the second OT when the referees called the game with 3:22 remaining in the period due to darkness. The final score was 2-2.

The tie brought Lasell's record to 8-3-3. Emmanuel collected their first tie bringing their record to 3-11-1.

Also on senior day, Lasell women's volleyball hosted a tri-match with Emmanuel College and Johnson and Wales University.

Between games, the Lasers honored their lone senior, Amanda Major. Major, one of two team captains, was presented with flowers and a gift on the court prior to the match.

The Lasers played hard in the first

match against Johnson and Wales but lost the first set 26-24. The second set was also a close one with Lasell coming up just short again 25-23. Lasell played well in the third set earning the victory 25-16. Unfortunately for the Lasers, Johnson and Wales stormed back to take the fourth set 25-19 winning the match 3-1.

In the second match, Emmanuel won the first set 25-14. The second set was also won by the Saints by a score of 25-19. Lasell managed to get closer in the third set but came up short with a score of 25-21. Emmanuel won the match 3-0.

The two losses dropped Lasell's record to 7-19 on the season.

Also in action on senior day was women's soccer and field hockey. Women's soccer dropped their contest to Norwich University 4-0. The field hockey team came out victorious defeating Anna Maria College 1-0.

This year the women's soccer team consists of two seniors, Alyssa Ferreri and Alaina Mitrano. The field hockey team had one senior, Justine McComb.



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(Left) Senior Thalemsan Francois gets tackled by an Emmanuel player. (Center) Amanda Major, captain of the volleyball team, with her family during Senior Day. (Right) Tia Pratt and an Anna Maria player fight for possession of the ball.

## Indoor track & field debuts as varsity sport

By Jordan Mayblum

SPORTS EDITOR

coaching staff is also joined by 2009 Lasell graduate and former indoor track club runner Chris Johnson.

Despite this year being the first for the team as a varsity sport, aspirations and expectations are high, particularly for the relay teams, which, according to senior

captain Zachary Lambert, will be the team's strongest aspect. He said, "We're looking to come out strong and turn some heads."

Lambert added that last year, their final year as a club sport, was a "trial year," for the Lasers and will be helpful in paving the way towards success for 2009/2010. The team consisted of less than 20 runners last year according to Lambert. Standout sophomore Meghan Missett added that this year's team, "will be our biggest team yet," and that there is lots of enthusiasm going into the first year as a varsity sport.

Isaac Soares, one of four freshmen who were recruited exclusively for track, said that most of the team's recruiting efforts are centered on players from the other varsity sports at Lasell. He said that many of the other athletes at Lasell have some background in track and field and they have been aggressive in spreading the word.

Also, Soares expressed excitement over the ramped up recruiting efforts. He added that since the team has acquired varsity status, freshman recruiting will increase in the future.

The indoor track team, which practices five days a week, three of which are at the Brandis Field House, will begin their season on December 5th with the Smith Winter Classic in Northampton.



The indoor track & field team shown at a recent event.

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# The 1851 Chronicle

LASELL COLLEGE'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER

## Raking for Mexico

### Students raise money for spring break trip

**By Elisa Bronstein**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"In one day we made as much as a Mexican cane worker's family might earn in an entire year," said Dr. Stephanie Athey, professor at Lasell. An impressive crew of 46 students including nine Lasell alumni, gathered early Saturday morning armed and ready to tackle piles of soggy leaves to raise funds for Niños de Veracruz. Niños de Veracruz provides scholarships for poor students in Mexico to continue their educations to be distributed by Lasell students as part of the Shoulder to Shoulder program.

Lasell vans stockpiled with gallons of water, snacks, rakes, blowers, and gas made way to obliging homes in Framingham, Newton, Wellesley and Belmont. A team of rakers and blowers helped clean up their yards. Ten yards later, the teams raised \$3600 in support of the cause.

Due to the mass of alumni, students and local community members like the 46 who turned out on Saturday, Niños de Veracruz is able to provide an education for all the children who deserve one. Continued support from Lasell faculty and administra-

tors year after year make these scholarships and the trip possible. This year, Assistant Professor of Mathematics Neil Hatem, Director of Donahue Institute Tessa LeRoux, Professor Ed Sieh, Dr. Jim Ostrow, President Michael Alexander, and former President Tom de Witt offered lawns, funds and food to generate the most successful leaf raking fundraiser in five years.

Niños de Veracruz was founded in 2003 by students at Lasell who had visited poor schools in Mexico to provide humanitarian service. After students returned from the trip, they chose to found a 501(c)3 organization capable of giving scholarships to the children of Mexico. Niños de Veracruz offers small scholarships of \$200 per child for the best students in each sixth grade class at the Jorge Cerdán school, serving the historic ejido of Campo Viejo.

Dr. Athey's class, Mexico in Context, will travel to Coatapec and Orizaba, Mexico in January to complete two weeks of on-ground study following a semester-long look at Mexico's economy and culture. In preparation for the trip, students also organized a clothing and book drive.

*With contributions from Deirdre McCombs.*



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(Left) A group of 46 students gathered to participate in the most successful leaf raking fundraiser in five years.

(Above) Students hard at work raking leaves in Newton for a good cause.

## Menendez muses on culture and writing

**By Sara Brown**  
NEWS EDITOR

Author Ana Menendez spoke on November 17th in de Witt Hall about her life as a Cuban American writer. Menendez's "In Cuba I was a German Shepherd," was one of this year's common readings. The author is a native of Los Angeles and is the daughter of Cuban exiles.

Menendez first read an old folktale called "The Man Who Fell from Heaven." The folktale is about a sly man misleading a naïve woman that he had just fallen from heaven and knows her dead beloved son. The woman gives the man money, clothes, and food to bring back to heaven to give her son.

Menendez explains that this man in the folktale plays the role of the trickster or practical joker. "They are the Bugs Bunny and the mouse in Tom and Jerry Cartoons," said Menendez. Tricksters also teach people about different cultures and ways of life. "In a lot of ways, I am a trickster," said Menendez.

The California native believes she is a

trickster because most of her writing involves Cubans. "It wasn't until I started writing about Cubans, when people started getting excited about my writing," said Menendez.

In the 1990's ethnic writing exploded to the literature scene. Writers like Menendez gained recognition and acclaim for writing about different cultures. "This type of writing explained the unknown, what it is like on the other side," said Menendez.

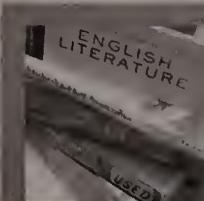
It wasn't easy to get people to believe in her writing. She said her relationship with her former agent was like a "bad marriage" and like most bad marriages she "stayed in it too long." Her agent didn't believe in the work she was writing and wanted Menendez to spice it up. Menendez later fired her agent after she was asked to write about "young Cuban women having sex."

Afterwards, she found an agent who believed in her work. "If you are writing something you feel committed to then keep writing," said Menendez. "You will find people who believe in you."



PHOTO BY KAYLEIGH ROBERTSON

Author Ana Menendez speaks on cultural encounters.



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# OPINION

## Editor's Column

### Self service not so simple

By Michelle McNickle

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Being at Lasell for any amount of time, students quickly learn the importance of class registration. We meet with advisors, carefully plan our schedules to accommodate work and sleeping patterns, and anxiously await the day to sign up for the perfect semester of no classes before noon. Yet, this past registration period has once again added to the frustration of technology glitches associated with the program known to us all as Self Service.

My registration woes began the morning of senior registration. I begrudgingly rolled myself out of bed at 7 a.m., only to find out that I was still in the system as a junior, and would have to wait until the following day to register. Since it didn't seem like a major issue, I gritted my teeth, turned off my laptop, and went back to bed.

Day two, and I was sure that this time, I would be fine to register. As I logged on, rechecked all of my classes and attempted to sign up for them, a message popped up stating that an unknown error had occurred, and to contact my system administrator.

For half an hour, the Self Service system would not let any junior proceed with registration. Facebook was being blown up, with statuses expressing anger and frustration, and rightfully so. Finally, right before my 8 a.m. class, I was able to register.... for only three out of my desired five classes.

The remainder of the day was spent emailing the Registrar, contacting professors who were unaware that they had to give permission for students to enter higher level classes, and explaining how the system didn't recognize my transfer credits. Despite my issues, other students, such as my roommate, were also at a loss. Other glitches included Self Service not recognizing advisors' permissions to let students register, forcing them to give students permission a second time to register in the system.

Students are under enough pressure to pick out classes, count credits, meet with advisors, and especially plan their last semesters in hopes of graduation. After several registration periods where Self Service continues to be an issue, the Lasell community should consider switching programs, or staggering the registration times even more in order to work with the clearly inadequate Self Service system.

While an email was sent from the administration apologizing for recent issues associated with Self Service, the continued frustrations associated with this program should prompt some change. Not only will both the Registrar's office and professors have less dread when it comes to class registration time, but students could take comfort in knowing that a simple click and nothing more will allow them to easily register for classes, hassle free.

## Textbook troubles

By Alexandra Portanova

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The start of a new school year is a busy time and a chance to get things back in order after summer. Register for classes, check. Figure out your schedule, check. Buy textbooks, maybe not. Every student is familiar with those first few days of classes; the dreaded syllabi, class plans, and the teacher's requests to buy textbooks. But this year, you may want to think twice before checking "purchase textbooks" off your to-do list.

Ever since I finished my first semester at college, I've had a major problem with the textbooks teachers ask their students to purchase. Like other students in my first semester at Lasell, I read the syllabus, then went to the bookstore and purchased all the textbooks for my five classes. I was astonished as the cash register came to a total of about \$500 and reluctantly handed the cashier my mother's credit card. I didn't know any better at the time that I probably wouldn't even open half those textbooks, and that \$500 was basically being thrown out the window.

The semester rolled on and the teachers continued to give assignments, many of which have no use for the textbooks I just paid a fortune for. I kept waiting for some of the teachers to give us an assignment in the book, have us read a chapter, or even ask us to bring the textbook to class, but no such luck.

I wrapped up my first semester excited

for winter break but there were a few things to take care of before going home. Clean out my dorm room, check. Pass in all final assignments, check. Sell back my textbooks, once again, maybe not.

I found myself back at Donahue's Bookstore as I had in the beginning of the year. This time I was getting rid of these books, hoping to get back some of the \$500 spent on the unused textbooks. I handed them over to the cashier as she rang them into the register, \$100, and I was still in possession of three textbooks they wouldn't accept back. I was shocked, I was angry, and most of all I was frustrated. I had done the right thing, I had bought all my textbooks fully prepared to utilize them all semester, but instead they sat in my room, unopened and now I couldn't even sell half of them back.

Don't get me wrong. In some of my classes I did use my textbooks, and they served me well. But it truly aggravated me that I had spent so much money on something that was made to seem so important and necessary, but turned out to be quite the opposite. College is expensive, and the

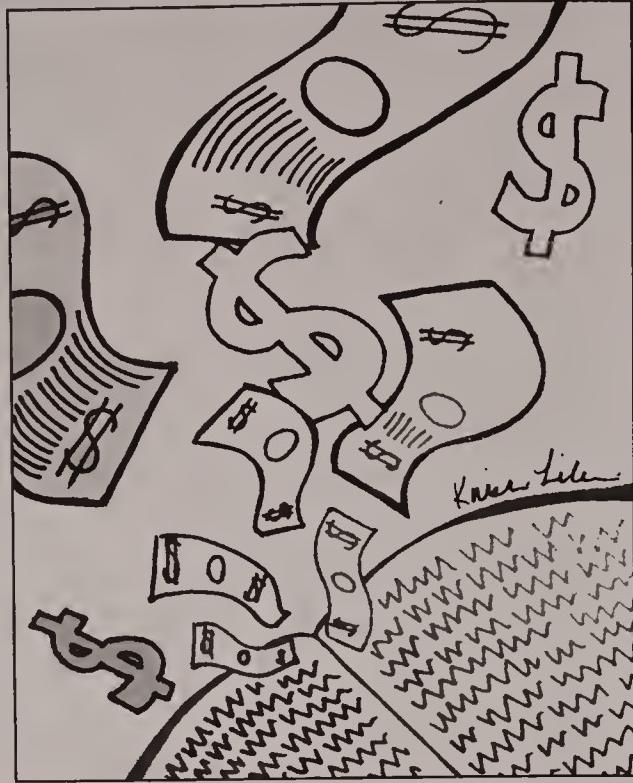


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last thing students need is to spend even more money when they don't need to. I don't want people to throw the notion of textbooks out the window like I did with that \$500. This semester, give it some time and check upcoming assignments before deciding to check buying textbooks off your list.

## Where is intersession?

By Kimberly A. Hooper

COPY EDITOR

It's a fact that Lasell is a growing campus. More students are applying and learning about what the college has to offer. Undergraduate students often do not have all their credits completed on time, and they need to take courses during breaks to catch-up. Lasell does not have undergraduate summer and winter courses available and this needs to be changed.

It can be expensive for a small, private college to create intersession courses, hire extra staff, open the school year-round, and advertise the new programs. It is also another expense added to a student's financial tab when they have to pay another college to take an extra course. Summer and winter courses are expensive, (\$749 for an English course lasting one month during the winter at a local college), and many students end up graduating later than they initially expected because they are unable to pay for all these extra classes. If Lasell were to create summer and winter courses, the cost of the classes could be added to a student's tuition bill, and the Lasell students might be able to get a discount. Adding intersession courses can help boost jobs as well.

Students have busy lives full of responsibilities and it can be difficult to

complete five courses every semester over four years. Without intersession, Lasell students take courses elsewhere over breaks and give their money to other institutions. Most students want to graduate on time, and they would have to decide between taking the classes off-campus or adding extra courses to an already full schedule during fall and spring semesters. How can a school like Lasell grow if it does not offer courses year-round?

Lasell should take this issue seriously and listen to students. Graduating college is necessary today and why wouldn't our school want to help students achieve this goal on time? Surveys should be sent out to students about the proposed idea of summer and winter courses, and meetings should be held so people can share their opinions and hear feedback.

It's a fact that sooner or later Lasell will realize that adding summer and winter courses on-campus will be a necessity and a benefit. The college does a wonderful job listening to the opinions of students and staff, and this is definitely an issue that cannot be ignored for much longer. Let's add intersession and graduate on time.

## Serve yourself

By Ashley Jannino

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For anyone who frequents the cafeteria, you know how many changes they have made to encourage healthy eating and prevent food waste. One of the ways they've tried to solve both issues is having students get served at the entrée section. When you go to get the entrée, a cafeteria worker will serve you the appropriate portion size for their healthy dining and to ensure students don't take too much. But is this really necessary?

I believe college students are more than able to decide how much we would like to eat for dinner. If someone from the cafeteria is going to serve the students, I think the portion sizes should be more reasonable. I'm sure most of the students are not satisfied with four chicken nuggets as their meal.

I understand one of the reasons we are served these portions is so we're eating healthier and not taking in an excess of calories. Unfortunately, if I'm not satisfied with the small portion I've had for dinner, I'm probably going to go and get more food at another station.

## Some peace and quiet, please?

By Sara Brown

NEWS EDITOR

and turning as your neighbor's late night shenanigans keep you up. Now don't get me wrong. If someone wants to stay up all night doing irreversible damage to their liver, then be my guest. However, that person's bad decision-making better not keep me up.

It's all a matter of respect. This is college and everyone realizes that late night parties are going to occur. However, if you suddenly want to blast Akon at two in the

morning, please suppress the urge. Not everyone is going to be up in the wee hours of the night, so just don't be as loud as you normally would be.

Quiet hours exist for a reason. Nobody is asking anyone to stop talking once the clock strikes midnight and start miming, just be mindful of the fact that there are people trying to sleep.

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## NEWS

# Lasell introduces crew

By Jill Ostiguy

1851 STAFF

Lasell has recently established a women's crew club. While the days are getting shorter and colder, a group of enthusiastic students has been training and practicing a few miles down the road at Lasell's Boat House.

Crew's captain, Heather Oblon, proposed the idea of the club to the Student Activities Board. With the help of Kristen Gallo, Coordinator for student organizations, Oblon researched the specifics on forming a crew club and put her passion into action. "I had never actually done crew before," Oblon said, "but I had always wanted to try and with the available resources Lasell offered, I figured there was no better time."

Although crew was started rather late in the season, Oblon looks ahead to next semester to further increase team morale and participate in races.

Due to the fact that crew is a club at the moment, this gives them the advantage to practice at any time and prepare for next semester. Given the location of Lasell, the crew club is at a wonderful advantage being located just off of the beautiful Charles River. One of the largest annual regattas, or races, is the Head of the Charles that falls every year in mid-October. Hundreds of teams and organizations from all over the world come for the

two day event which is as exciting to watch as it is to participate in.

Oblon said that one of her main goals for crew was build a strong, passionate team that would carry on for many years to come. crew is not only a way to get into excellent conditioning form, but also one of the best ways to connect with others and create unity.

Students who are interested in joining crew, look for sign-ups next fall at the activities fair, but do keep in mind the position of coxswain for the spring semester is still unfulfilled. If you feel you have the requirements to motivate and command the rowers as the "on-the-water" coach, please email Hoblon@lasell.edu. If you're still unsure about the sport as a whole, check out usrowing.org, an informative website that gives excellent insight to what it really takes to be a rower.



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# Commuting increases on campus

By Kimberly A. Hooper

COPY EDITOR

The number of commuters at Lasell is increasing each year, and the college is working to educate commuters about the ease of commuting and the activities available on campus. The college wants commuters to feel they are as much a part of the college as resident students.

"Approximately, 50-60 new undergraduate students decide to commute to Lasell each year which is roughly 10 percent of the entering class," said James Tweed, Dean of Undergraduate Admission. "In addition, graduate students commute to campus earning either a Master of Science in Management or a Master of Science in Communication. I believe Lasell's convenient and accessible location attracts students from the surrounding communities. Public transportation, the major highways, and the commuter rail all intersect near campus, making Lasell a commuter friendly college," Tweed said.

Lasell has recently elected Amy Brotherton as the new Commuter Representative for the college. Brotherton wanted to run for Commuter Representative because she wants commuters to connect to the campus more.

"I chose to run for Commuter Representative because I have the desire to connect commuting students to everyday campus life, and give them the opportunity to experience everything Lasell has to offer," said Brotherton. "In addition to informing them [the commuters] of existing activities, I will plan activities for commuters as

well. This will allow us as commuters to become connected and discuss ideas while getting to know one another. I am ready and excited to speak on behalf of the commuter population, and welcome any suggestions and ideas from these students."

The Babcock Commuter and Graduate Student Lounge, located on the first floor of the Brennan Library, is a place where commuters can go when they have a period of free time. The lounge has a closet, seating, a microwave, a sink, one computer, and tables. Commuter and graduate students can go to the lounge to relax instead of sitting in their cars.

Students can also use the dining facilities in the Edwards Student Center and the Campus Center. Commuters do not have a meal plan, and therefore they are able to load Laser Loot money onto their ID cards and use this money around campus.

The Office of Student Activities, located on the second floor of the Campus Center, is changing their hours so commuters have a chance to visit the center and learn more about what is going on around the campus.

"I am very excited about the increasing population of commuter students here at Lasell. As a result of the growing commuter population, we are increasing our services and outreach to meet their unique needs," said Chad Argotsinger, Director of Alumni Relations. "The Office of Student Activities is staying open later, until 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, allowing

students time after night classes to stop by the office with questions or to purchase tickets. We are also developing a newsletter designed just for commuters. This electronic communication will provide commuting students with important announcements and updates."

The Office of Student Activities has organized campus activities and organizations so they are able to meet during common hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"I personally would like to encourage all commuter students to get involved on campus. There are many clubs and activities available here, and just because you don't live on campus doesn't mean you can't take advantage of all there is to do," said Kristen Gallo, Coordinator for Student Organizations. "Commuters can think about joining a club, like the Campus Activities Board, the Fashion Connection, The Roller Hockey Club, or attend some of the free events hosted on campus. If you are looking for more information about campus clubs and events you can visit, lasell.edu/studentactivities, or stop in at our office in the Campus Center. We're happy to give more information about what's happening on campus," Gallo said.

Campus commuters are not always on campus, but they are encouraged to become a meaningful part of campus life, and they are urged to explore what the college has to offer.

# Semester's work showcased

By Sara Brown

NEWS EDITOR

The semester is almost over and that only means one thing: the learning symposium is right around the corner. The learning symposium this semester will be held from December 7th-11th.

The first few days of the busy week are devoted to exhibits and presentations. These events can be found throughout the campus and are a great way to see what other students are learning. Presentations like "Learning History through Genealogy" and "Sextopia" will be held.

Also, a celebration of the arts will be occurring. On Wednesday December 9th, Lasell's chorus, jazz, and rhythm and blues band will all be performing at Yamawaki Auditorium from 7-9 p.m.

On Friday December 11th the poster sessions will be happening in de Witt Hall. The session is set up like a science fair where students display their work in posters and presentations. This is an opportunity for students and faculty members to see what other students have been learning throughout the semester and ask questions. There are two poster sessions. The first will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and the second from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

"It always cool to see what my friends in other majors are learning," said senior Angelette Lopes. "It is definitely an interesting experience." For newcomers of Lasell, it is an experience some don't know what to expect. "I have heard a lot of talk about the symposium," said transfer student Sasha Trottier. "It will be interesting to finally see what everyone has been talking about."

# H1N1 on campus

By Briana Nestor

FEATURES EDITOR

The 2009 H1N1 virus, or swine flu, has college students throughout the country in a panic. However, the swine flu has not crept onto the Lasell campus, according to Ann Sherman, Director of Health Services and nurse practitioner. The seasonal flu and ILI, or influenza-like illness, have been the only viruses that have affected students on campus.

"We haven't seen anyone who has needed to be hospitalized," said Sherman. "If a person is administered to the Health Center because of the flu, we have seen ILI. There have been 52 students with ILI since September."

The seasonal flu and H1N1 are two different strains of the influenza virus. In an e-mail interview, Sherman said, "H1N1 originated from pigs and has mutated to jump species to humans. The young adult and adolescent population also seems to be more prone to the possibility of getting sick as opposed to the over 65 year old population, provided they do not have other medical conditions." She added that students who smoke, drink, do not eat well, or do not have good rest habits increase their risk of catching the seasonal flu or H1N1.

Despite the fact that no students at Lasell have had the H1N1 virus, students are still concerned. "My concerns are mostly that I might catch it. I think the media does exaggerate it sometimes because that's all you hear about in the news," said sophomore Lindsey Palmer.

Others have the opposite opinion. Sopho-

more Kara Shuhart said, "I don't understand why people are freaking out about H1N1. More people die from the seasonal flu than swine flu. There's so much negative media about it."

Sherman said the media plays a significant role in increasing the fear of catching H1N1. "We live in a 24/7 news cycle. That's all we hear and it makes people anxious. We can't control what happens outside of campus," she said.

If a student does feel ill, it is advised they go to the Health Center. Scott Lamphere, Director of Residential Life said, "If we are presented with a student with flu-like symptoms, we recommend that they go home." However, that does not work for every student. "Students are put in self-quarantine until they don't have a fever," said Lamphere.

When students are quarantined, they are not allowed to leave their rooms unless it is absolutely necessary. Residential Life and the Health Center work with Sodexho Dining Services so students always have meals. Once a student has been "fever-free" for 24 hours, they are no longer quarantined.

The risk of catching the seasonal flu or H1N1 virus is increased on a college campus "because of communal living where there is shared food and it is densely populated," Sherman said. Both strains of the flu can be prevented, however, by keeping your room and living space clean, coughing and sneezing into a tissue, and frequent hand washing, according to Sherman.

# "Table Manners" or lack thereof



PHOTO BY KAYLEIGH ROBERTSON

On December 3rd, 4th, and 5th the Drama Club performed "Table Manners," written by British playwright Alan Ayckbourn. The production was performed by Lasell students Brian Catnair, Lauren Ennis, Emily Hague, Lindsay Halcomb, Calleen McCleary and Danielle Murphy and directed by Professor Hartense Gerarda. On Broadway, the play won a Tony Award last year for best revival of a play, and has won the Evening Standard and Plays and Players Award.

# FEATURES

## One Water: a film by Sanjeev Chatterjee

By Katelyn Cross

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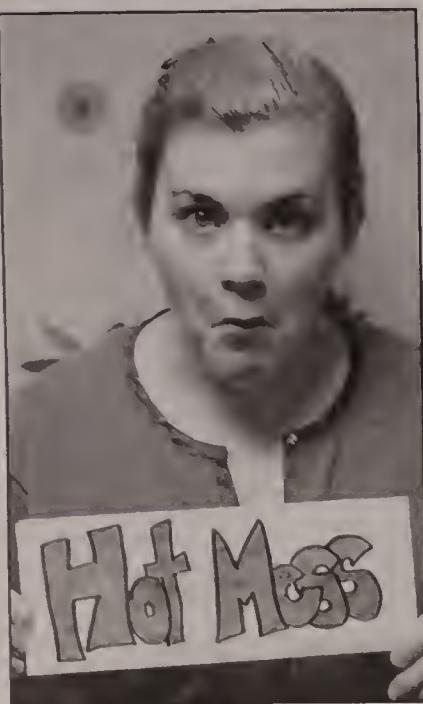
On November 12, at 12:30 p.m., students piled into the Yamawaki Auditorium for the viewing of "One Water," a film by Sanjeev Chatterjee.

"One Water" is a collaborative project that started in 2003 at the University of Miami. Its purpose is to address the global freshwater crisis. Out of the four versions of the film, students were the first to view the most recent version. The other films had fewer words and were ultimately used as a visual and not so much as an informative, fact-based film.

The film depicted how the women of different developing countries gathered or purchased water. One segment talked about how many people get sick from contaminated water pumps. It also showed women and children walking miles and miles to gather water. Some even had to swim across a body of water. The film did

a great job showing how precious water is to people in developing countries.

"One Water" made the audience aware that less than one percent of the Earth's water is available to drink, every eight seconds a child dies from water borne diseases, and each year 43 billion bottles of water are sold in the United States. This made me, and surely many students watching the film, realize how lucky we are to have water at our own expense. Not only did the film make me thankful for the abundance of water in the U.S., but it also persuaded me to buy less bottled water. However, as a student, it is difficult not to buy bottled water. Do your part to help save water by reducing your shower time, not leaving running water in the sink if it is not being used, and by purchasing water filters instead of bottled water.



By Deirdre McCombs

ASST. LAYOUT EDITOR

I was born on September 27th, 1988. I was born with dyslexia, which made life hard from the start. Dyslexia is a learning disability that makes it very difficult for the person who has it to spell and sometimes talk. People with dyslexia have a tendency to switch letters around, which makes it hard to spell. Every person with a learning disability learns differently. From a young age, things never came easy to me. I've worked hard for everything I have, and because of my many learning disabilities, it's made me a stronger person.

Having a learning disability effects you mentally. You can't understand things like other people can, so you start to have really low self-esteem. Growing up was a tough task. I felt like no one understood what I had to go through. Teachers were just beginning to really understand what learning disabilities were like for the students. Computers were just coming out when I was young and spell check was basically unheard of. The dictionary was my worst enemy. How on earth do you look something up if you can't spell it?

I was teased as a kid not only for being short but also for not being like everyone else. Kids don't understand what it means to be different. Not only was I struggling with school, but I also had this biting sense of humor that many eight year olds did not understand. Thankfully, I had a mother who completely understood and even enjoyed my humor. As life went on, I learned to deal with learning differently. This helped when I became involved in drama club at a young age, which helped with my speech problems and gave me the confidence I lacked.

During the layout of the October 2009 issue of the 1851 Chronicle, I had a normal occurrence in my life. I made a little mistake while typing in the name of one of our staff members. Instead of Brian, I wrote "Brain." It's not that big of a deal... except for the fact that a staff member's name was incorrectly spelled and it was on the front page of the newspaper. I have never felt worse in my life. Sure, as a hot mess, I've made spelling blunders before but never this large of a mistake. This mistake was not just in class. This mistake was printed on over 1000 copies of the newspaper. My extreme apologies go out to Brian Cotnoir... I hope you understand.

### CORRECTION

**Due to a printing error in the November 2009 issue, the photo credits for the "Fall Happenings" feature were omitted. Additional credit for photography is given to Katelyn Cross, Emely DelSanto, and Scott LaPier.**



By Sara Brown

NEWS EDITOR

The holidays are fast approaching. Right around this time, I become like a giddy schoolgirl. I start listening to Christmas music, decorating my house like it's a Hallmark store, and baking cookies. The season knows how to turn me into a big ball of kiddish excitement.

Then, it hits me. I am actually going to have to spend time with my family. Suddenly the giddy feeling disappears and in its place is a huge migraine.

Now, I don't want to sound like a Grinch. I love my family but they tend to be on the annoying side. A typical Christmas for me is having to deal with my aunt asking me why I am still single, my uncle pointing out the extra pounds I put on, and still sitting at the kid's table even though I am 22 years old.

As awful as it sounds, I always end up trying to scheme my way out of spending time with my family. I use every excuse known to man, like faking a fever. This year, I have a feeling I am going to catch swine flu right around the time Saint Nick comes to visit. However, like always, my scheming gets me nowhere and I end up spending time with my family and pretending I like my aunt's cooking.

A few years ago, I decided to stop my pouting and enjoy the holidays. My friends and I have developed a little tradition of our own. The day after Christmas, we have our own holiday dinner. On Christmas I have dinner with the family fate gave me and the day after I have dinner with the family I chose.

This gives me something to look forward to instead of sulking around like Charlie Brown. This also gives my friends and me ample time to vent and joke about our families and what we had to suffer through the day before. Once the evening is over and I am on my way back home, I am always happy we started this tradition since I leave in high spirits with a huge smile on my face.

This tradition has served another useful purpose. After the long conversations about our families, my friends have taught me that everyone's family is crazy, not just mine. We all have those relatives that make our eyes roll in the back of our heads, but we spend time with them because we love them. (It is also because our mothers' guilt trip us into spending time with them, but mostly because we love them.) As the years pass, I am learning to be more patient with my family and find humor in their ridiculous ways.

I'm looking forward to the holidays this year. I'm excited to see my friends whom I haven't seen in months and dare I say I'm excited to see my family. Even if my family gives me the traditional holiday headache, it will be good to see them and I always know that I have my friends to go running to in case I need a venting session.

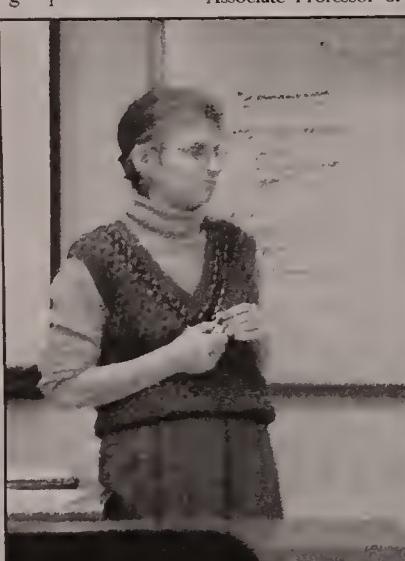


PHOTO BY KIMBERLY A. HOOPER  
Becky Kennedy talks about bilingualism in the "Sounds to Sentences" course.

Becky is a quiet person, but she is always thinking."

Kennedy loves helping her students succeed and feel good about their work. "I love Becky Kennedy. Every time I see her I want to pinch her cheek," said Sara Brown who is a senior majoring in Communication. "I had her sophomore year and loved her class. I truly learned a lot from her and when I look back on my years at Lasell, her class will be something I truly cherish."

Kennedy wants students to love learning. "I like to think about the role of academics in the bigger life process," said Kennedy. "I like to keep the role of academics in perspective. Academics should be your friend, and it should play an important role in your life."

Kennedy likes to spend time with her husband and two children and does research in Dyslexia and child language. "I work with professionals and help children with their language skills," said Kennedy. "I work in applied language and I have written review articles about these subjects."

Kennedy wants to be remembered as a nice person and wants students in college who are looking towards the future in English and journalism to remember to read and write. "Reading is extremely important. Free writing is also important," said Kennedy. "Figure out who your favorite authors and writers are."

## One professor, two loves

By Kimberly A. Hooper

COPY EDITOR

Becky Kennedy, Assistant Professor of English, knew since she was young that she wanted to teach. Her love for English and teaching has impacted every student who has taken her courses. The multitalented, popular professor recently sat down in her office to share stories about her life, her passion for literature, and the English language.

Kennedy spent her childhood traveling. "My family and I moved around to different countries because of my father's job," said Kennedy. "We lived in England for four years."

Kennedy remembers having important influences during childhood. "I would say my greatest influences were my parents and my teachers," she said smiling. "My father was a great role model." Today her husband fills the role. "My husband is a person of great depth and integrity, and we've shared a lot," said Kennedy.

Kennedy has a warm, inviting personality and she thanks her teachers who helped shape her teaching styles. "I had a few teachers who I think had the greatest impact on my life," she said. "My third grade teacher was very kind and that had a big impact on me. In sixth grade my teacher encouraged me to speak up and share what I thought to the class."

As Kennedy grew up, she became fond of reading and writing. "My favorite types of books to read during childhood were fairy tales," said Kennedy. "Today the Bible would be my favorite book."

Poetry plays an important role in Kennedy's life, both inside and outside the classroom. Kennedy teaches poetry and writes poetry herself. "Jane Hirshfield is one of my favorite poets. I enjoy E. E. Cummings and Jane Kenyon also," said Kennedy. "If I were to read a book right now, I would want to pick up something that included poetry." Kennedy herself has written poems about family, loss, and love.

"Professor Kennedy is one of the most patient, thoughtful, and dedicated people you'll ever have the privilege to meet," said Sharyn Lowenstein, Director of the Center for Community-Based Learning and Associate Professor of English. "Her deep respect for each and every person is apparent from the first syllable she'll utter in conversation. She is a deep listener in an age when the art of listening has all but disappeared. I have had the honor of working alongside her for eight years, and am always amazed at her determination to include every voice in the room."

Kennedy attended Radcliffe College and Harvard University. "I graduated from Radcliffe College," She has a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Doctorate in Linguistics."

## FEATURES

# 10 Things you may not know about Lasell

By Ali Caraccio, Alyssa Lusky, Sarah Meyers,

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Every school has traditions and little known facts that become lost over time. Lasell College is no different. Professor Franklin's Journalism class has spent the last few weeks gathering interesting details that are unknown by the majority of the population at Lasell.

For the most part, facts that were found were from previous years at Lasell, starting with the founding of the college in 1851. Students also reported on more current facts which set Lasell apart from other colleges.

## 1. Swimming in Yamawaki

Lasell was the first college in the United States to have an indoor pool. In the basement of Yamawaki, room 102, there are white "S" hooks on the ceiling. These hooks were used to hold a swing over a lap pool that used to be in the room. During Dr. Charles C. Bragdon's tenure as principal, he believed that all women should be physically fit. The pool was created, as were regular exercise classes. The floor was later filled in on top of the lap pool to create a classroom.

**Reported by:** Briana Nestor

**Source:** Dean Austin, V.P. of Student Affairs

## 2. Lasell colorfully insults Yale

Lasell's colors are dark blue, light blue, and white. However, in 1881, dark blue was also one of Yale University's colors. Yale was opposed to women's education, and as a result, Lasell changed its school colors to light blue and white. Lasell added dark blue back as a third color 12 years later, in addition to light blue and white.

**Reported by:** Briana Nestor

**Source:** Dr. Kathleen O'Connor, V.P. for Enrollment Management

## 3. Girls learn military drills

When Dr. Charles C. Bragdon returned from Europe in 1887, he created the Lasell Battalion, a military drill program that was done twice a week and claimed to be beneficial "mentally, morally, and physically." At the end of the year the Battalion performed their drills to perfection in front of Newton citizens and the Grand Army Post of Newton.

**Reported by:** John Bicknell

**Source:** Lasell's First Century (1851-1951) by Ruth Hopkins Spoone

## 4. Karandon House combines names of past

Karandon is actually a made up name. During Dr. Charles C. Bragdon's tenure at Lasell, he was married to a woman named Kate Ransom. The name Karandon was created from 'KA' from Kate, 'RAN' from Ransom and 'DON' from Bragdon.

**Reported by:** Briana Nestor

**Source:** Dean Austin, V.P. of Student Affairs

## 5. Tuition cost at an all-time low

In 1851, a payment of \$300 would cover all costs including room and board. Day pupils paid \$40-\$48 per year. Piano and singing lessons and art classes were includ-

ed in the \$300 payment. The only extra cost to students was the washing of clothes.

**Reported by:** John Bicknell

**Source:** Lasell's First Century (1851-1951) by Ruth Hopkins Spoone



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In 1887 Dr. Charles C. Brogdon created the Lasell Battalion.



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Dining room in the old Bragdon Hall.

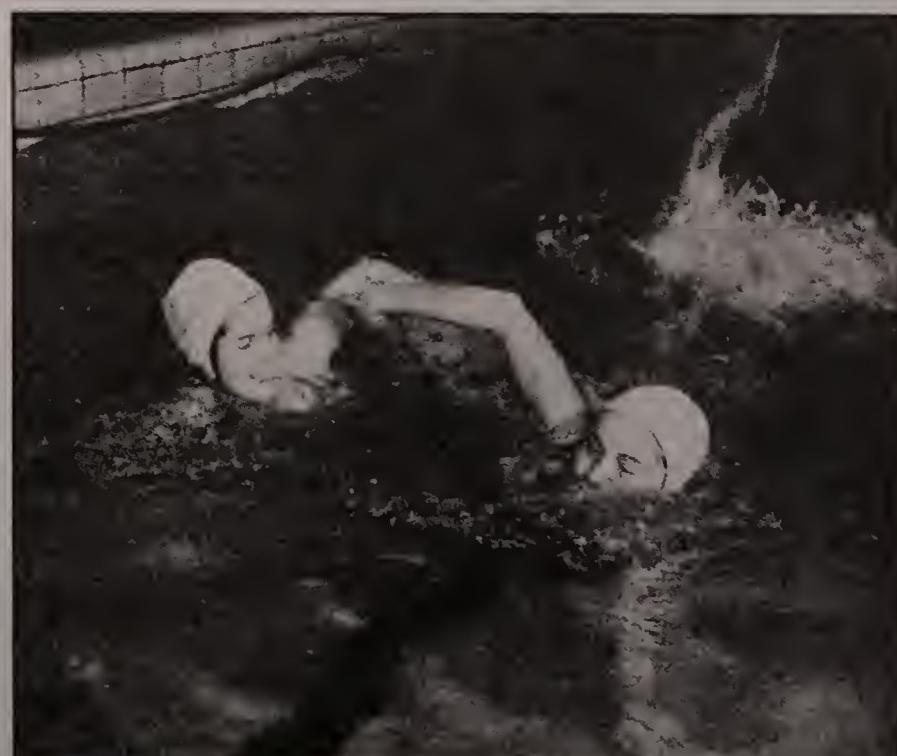


PHOTO COURTESY OF LASELL'S FIRST CENTURY (1851-1951) BY RUTH HOPKINS SPOONE  
Two former Lasell students enjoying the pool in 1943.

## 6. Lasell diplomas hard to earn

The first class to graduate from Lasell was the class of 1854 and only consisted of five young women who completed their studies to satisfaction of the administration and faculty. In the first year of operation, Lasell had 109 female pupils.

**Reported by:** John Bicknell

**Source:** Lasell's First Century (1851-1951) by Ruth Hopkins Spoone

## 7. Lasell receives high honor

Lasell is featured on U.S. News and World Report as one of the best colleges of 2010. It was ranked 30th under Baccalaureate Colleges in the Northern region. The rankings were based on factors such as life on campus, activities and sports offered, academics, location, cost, and financial aid availability.

**Reported by:** Kimberly A. Hooper

**Source:** <http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges/newton-ma/lasell-college-2158>

## 8. Training outside the classroom

Students enrolled in the athletic training program are given the opportunity to engage in connected learning by caring for injuries at the Olympic Development Program for Youth Soccer, the Bay State Games, and the Boston Marathon.

**Reported by:** Alyssa Lusky

**Source:** <http://www.lasell.edu/academics/connectedlearning.asp>

## 9. Striving to go green

Lasell is currently going green by following a course of action that will reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent before 2050. A Green Campus Task Force has been created to help Lasell become more environmentally friendly. The group is composed of faculty and staff members, students, and residents of Lasell Village, along with experts in the field of environmental protection and technology.

**Reported by:** Alyssa Lusky

**Source:** <http://www.lasell.edu/about/greencampus/gci.asp>

## 10. Students dine with professors

The original campus was only 6.5 acres and centered around Bragdon Hall, now the site of the Campus Center, and Carter Hall, now the Yamawaki Art and Cultural Center. The original dining room was in Bragdon Hall, where it was a custom for faculty members and students to eat together. Singing grace at the beginning of every meal was done almost regularly.

**Reported by:** Sarah Meyers and Allison Stein

**Source:** Lasell's First Century (1851-1951) by Ruth Hopkins Spoone and Lasell College's master plan

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Dear Rachel

By Rachel Amiralian



**Dear Rochel,**  
I'm bringing a girlfriend home over Christmas break and I'm really excited to spend the holidays with her. There's only one problem: my family doesn't know I'm gay. I want my girlfriend to be comfortable and not feel like I'm ashamed of her and I also want to tell my family but I'm scared. I've come out to all my friends and usually am so secure with my sexuality, but when it comes to my family it seems like I'm not out at all. What do I do?

Signed,  
*Feeling in the Closet*

### Dear Feeling In the Closet,

Only you can know when you're truly ready to come out to your parents. There is no set right or wrong time; it's all about when it's right for you. All your nerves and scary feelings about having to tell your family are partially just from building up this fear you have in your head. Try telling the person you are most comfortable with first, rather than telling everyone at once. It may make it easier having one person on your side when you decide to come out to the rest of your family. I do believe that if your girlfriend is important enough to bring home for the holidays then she is important enough to tell your parents. Your parents know you better than you think so you may be surprised how they react. As for making your girlfriend not feel like you're ashamed of her, talk to her. Communication is important on all fronts: for you, for her, and for your family. She'll understand if she truly cares about you and she'll be there for you when you do decide to tell everyone. I can't tell you how your parents will react, but I do know you'll be more comfortable with yourself when you feel like you're not hiding anything.

xoxo  
Rachel

**Dear Rochel,**  
I'm a freshman at Lasell. It's almost December and I still don't feel like I fit in. I have some friends, but I don't feel like I'm getting the college experience everyone else is getting. I feel like I'm the only person who is lost. What should I do to figure everything out?

Signed,  
*Feeling Awkward*

### Dear Feeling Awkward,

Oh honey, you are not alone! Everyone goes through exactly what you're going through. People say these are the best years; I say these are the confused years. My best advice to you is to get involved: join a club, sports team, or the newspaper. It's a great way to make new friends and feel like you're a part of something. Also if you're feeling confused about life and don't know where to go with it, doing new things will show you what you like and what you don't. At times, we all feel a little insecure and like we don't fit in, but if you start doing things that you love you will start to feel good about yourself and your insecurities will slowly go away. Try attending school events like athletic games, CAB events, or dances. You'll meet new people and have a great time. In the cafe, don't be scared to go up to someone and have a conversation; people aren't as mean as they look. The worst thing you can do is not do anything. The only way to get out of a rut is by forcing yourself out. You're in control of your life and how you feel so do as much as you can and be happy.

xoxo  
Rachel

## Mayer creates awareness through film

By Christina Annicelli

1851 STAFF

An air of excitement filled Rosen as I came in to watch Andrew Mayer's documentary on his trip to Nicaragua. The film started with an introduction of the Lasell students, alumni, and faculty that were involved with the trip: Lydia Pittman, Dr. Stephanie Athey, Ashley Baril, Demetrick Nealy, Amanda Miller, Andrew Mayer, Nordian Davis, Kelly Hall, Valentina Hernandez, Molly Fawcett, and Kayla McKenna. Next the students arrived at the Nicaraguan capital, Managua where Mayer explains the extent of the poverty in Nicaragua with simple figures. He revealed that \$150 is the average monthly income for a Nicaraguan.

The students then found themselves in individual homes where Andrew ate his first Nicaraguan meal of rice, beans, and goat cheese. After, the group started their charity work that consisted of making clean water filters.

Next, a woman named Jane, who started the first public library in Nicaragua, explained the difficulties that go along with introducing the concept of a library. The children did not understand the concept of borrowing and thought that the books are either a present or they have to pay for them.

Mayer went on to explain through his film how Nicaragua survives on tourism, and because of this there exists a lack of proper education. The Nicaraguans are only taught English to serve in service industry jobs such as resorts. This proves to be why the charity work Lasell students do is so important. Other charity works the students did were to create a road to a future school that is going to be built as well as bringing water filters to neighboring communities.

Although the students worked very hard they also were able to experience many recreational activities such as zip lining. Before the students left for the states, they participated in a farewell party with various people who were involved in their journey.

I was inspired and intrigued by this film because of the clear contrast of the Nicaraguan lifestyle and the lifestyle we enjoy on the United States. If one finds themselves interested in the charity work of these Lasell students, and wants to view the documentary, it exists on youtube.com for one's pleasure.

## Disney's A Christmas Carol

By John Bicknell

1851 STAFF

With Christmas right around the corner, a good way to get into the holiday spirit is to re-live Charles Dickens' classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge in Disney's "A Christmas Carol." The film stars Jim Carrey as Scrooge: a cheap, disgruntled old business man who loathes the Christmas season. On Christmas Eve, he is visited by the ghost of his former business partner, who informs Scrooge that he will be haunted by three spirits over the next three nights. These spirits show him how he's transformed from an exuberant young apprentice to the "hum-bugging" bitter old man who can't spare a penny for charity. Scrooge is horrified by the images he sees, and is given a second chance at living a joyous and generous life as he runs around London cheering "Merry Christmas," to all whom he did wrong.

The 3-D animation is exceptional. Director Robert Zemeckis' attention to detail makes the scenery look beautiful. During outdoor scenes, the constant light snowfall makes you feel as if you are in a winter snowstorm with snowflakes glistening in the streetlights. Scrooge's face is particularly interesting in 3-D, with his extremely pointy nose and chin which pop off the screen during close ups. There are several flying scenes that received many "ooh's" and "aah's" from viewers, such as when the Ghost of Christmas Past takes Scrooge across the city through flight.

If you're looking for a family-friendly film then this might not be the best choice. Several scenes are rather frightening, especially the entire "Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come" feature. That specific ghost has a strong resemblance to the Grim



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Reaper, who uses his creepy, boney black index finger to point out Scrooge's future. There is a scary scene where Scrooge is being chased by a carriage led by two black horses with red, beady eyes.

The film sticks true to Dickens' novel. Zemeckis tells the story as Dickens wrote it. However, he failed to make Scrooge into the evil villain we all know him as. His "Scrooge-iest" moments came in the early scene at his office when he passed on donating to charity and tried to take the Christmas spirit out of his nephew. It never shows Scrooge meeting Tiny Tim face to face, which has always been a key moment in any adaptation of the story.

I strongly recommend seeing this movie because it is one of the best 3-D animated movies to date. The story will warm the heart of most audiences with Christmas spirit and is well worth the \$12 price of admission.

## Music Notes: Breanne Düren

By Michelle McNickle

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American singer Breanne Düren hails from Minneapolis, Minnesota and is accumulating a growing fan base through her relationship with another up-and-coming artist, Owl City. This dainty crooner is reminiscent of Michelle Branch and Sara Bareilles, while her light, piano and cello-backed tunes make up for a gentle yet catchy sound. Folk and jazz inspirations add to a mellow and creative collection of songs written by Düren and are available through her Myspace. Favorite tracks include as "Black Coffee" and "They Call Me October."

## Theatre review: Avenue Q

By Brian Cotnoir

1851 STAFF

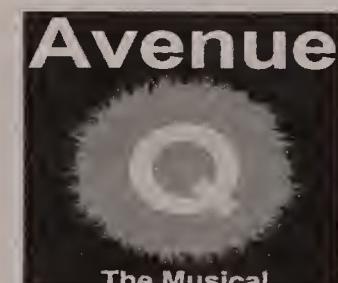


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On the evening of November 17, 2009 the Broadway show Avenue Q, came to the Colonial Theatre in Boston. Avenue Q tells the story of a puppet named Princeton; a recent college graduate, who moves into a neighborhood in New York City called Avenue Q. He learns about love and life from his neighbors. Other characters include a failed comedian named Brian and his immigrant wife, Christmas Eve, two feuding roommates named Rod & Nicky, and a slew of other fun and amusing characters.

Avenue Q is both funny and realistic. With catchy song titles like "It Sucks To Be Me," "If You Were Gay" and "Everyone's a Little Bit Racist," Avenue Q will have you laughing, offended, and maybe feeling a bit ashamed by what you are viewing and listening to. "[Avenue Q] made me feel dirty," said Lasell freshman, Jamie Wetzel.

The show is essentially an adult version of Sesame Street. It contains puppets, vulgar language, adult and sexual situations, and even a Gary Coleman impersonator, so seeing this show with parents or younger siblings may not be ideal.

The show was performed fantastically by the entire cast, especially stage actors Brent Michael DiRoma, Jacqueline Grubois, and Jayson Heymann, who took on multiple roles in the show. Avenue Q is a modern, funny, and edgy stage show that is perfect for fans of musicals and comedies. "[Avenue Q] was well worth the wait," said sophomore Amanda Guarino. Look for Avenue Q to come to a theatre near you.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Artist you ought to know: The Prodigy

By Brian Cotnoir  
1851 STAFF

Deemed "the ultimate live band" by Q Magazine, the Prodigy is an electronic/techno band from Braintree, Essex, England. The Prodigy consists of Liam Howlett (Disc Jockey), Keith Flint (vocals/dancer), and Maxim Reality (MC). Solely from their outside appearance, you would swear that the Prodigy is a heavy metal or hard rock band, but the band plays electronic, techno, rave, and other forms of music associated with those genres.

The Prodigy has been around since 1990 and are known worldwide for their spectacular live shows. According to Q Magazine, the Prodigy has 180 lights on their "Wall of Death." They go through 30 bottles of water per show, and need three buses to transport their entire stage. Recently, the band has been touring throughout Europe promoting their latest album entitled "Invaders Must Die," which was released in 2009.

The Prodigy produces the perfect music for the ultimate dance mix for a party. Recommended albums by the Prodigy are "The Fat of the Land" (1997) and their latest album "Invaders Must Die" (2009). Essential tracks by the Prodigy are "Voodoo People" and "Invaders Must Die."

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## MSU comedy night

By Rachel Amiralian  
1851 STAFF

Thursday night is usually the night of the week for college students to party, but this past month, Wednesday night gave Thursday night a run for its money. MSU presented the first ever Wild 'n Out Wednesday, an interactive, improvisation comedy show based off the MTV series hosted by Nick Cannon.

The night was hosted by Lasell students Jude Biton and Tatiyana Smith. Teams competed against each other in games that tested their innermost comedic abilities. Games were played such as the "Break Up game" where team members took turns coming up with the funniest and most ridiculous reason to dump someone, or the "Water Game" where the captains of each team had a mouth full of water and the opposing team would try to make the captain laugh and spit out the water.

"Being the first time doing Wild 'n Out, we were surprised by the large turnout we had, but it was a successful night," said senior and member of MSU Awash Haile. "It was a good environment and a great place for everyone to unwind. It was

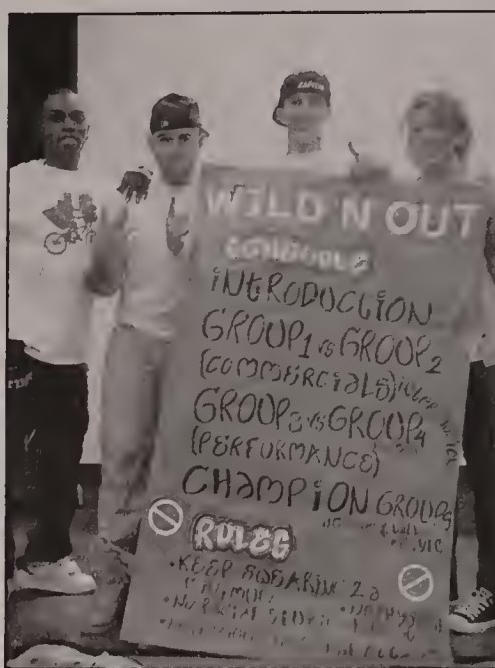


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The winners of Wild 'n Out, the White team, hold the schedule and rules of the night.

also surprising to see how funny some of my peers were."

The audience played a major role in the decision of who was funny and who wasn't by booing and cheering.

During the intermission, the step team battled on stage and got the crowd energized. After the battle, three contestants from the crowd played a game to win prizes.

As the night came to an end and the competition was close, the audience picked songs such as "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" that the teams

would have to write their own lyrics on the spot. The final two teams to compete for the championship in a free style battle were the Black team and the White team. Although both teams had the crowd laughing, only one team would walk away as the improv champions.

Congratulations to the White team who took the title this time. Everyone got to see just how funny the students of this campus really are. Thanks to Lakeisha Gerald and the rest of MSU, our typical low-key Wednesday night got a little wilder. Hopefully this will be the first of many to come.

## Top 10 Holiday Songs

By Katelyn Cross  
1851 STAFF

### Transiberian Orchestra

"Christmas Canon Rock"

### George Winston

"Carol of the Bells"

### Nat King Cole

"The Christmas Song"

### Stevie Wonder

"One Little Christmas Tree"

### Mariah Carey

"All I Want For Christmas Is You"

### Bobby Helms

"Jingle Bell Rock"

### Faith Hill

"Where Are You Christmas"

### Stevie Wonder

"What Christmas Means To Me"

### Zoe Deschanel

"Baby Its Cold Outside"

### A Charlie Brown Christmas

"Christmas Time Is Here"

# SPORTS

## PLAYER PROFILES

### LACROSSE Kristen Noble

By Amy Morgan  
1851 STAFF



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Senior Kristen Noble is originally from West Milford, New Jersey. She started at Lasell playing soccer, and picked up lacrosse her freshman year to stay in shape during the off-season. Noble stopped soccer her junior year and now focuses on lacrosse playing midfield and defense. Noble loves the game because it gives her an activity outside of school and the team is "one big family." Noble has high aspirations for the team this year with the addition of some promising new freshmen.

Noble says the game affects her academics positively because she has a set schedule to follow. She has a serious interest in sports, and is majoring in Television and Radio with the hopes of becoming an editor for sports videos. Noble is also majoring in marketing and advertising. Now in her off-season Noble plays tennis and picked up golf over the summer. Outside lacrosse and class, Noble is an energetic person who likes to have fun and hang out with her boyfriend. She likes to stay busy, and is an active member of SGA and SAAC.

Although Noble describes herself as being "indecisive" regarding favorites, she admits she has a weak spot for tacs. She likes all music but her current favorite is Tik Tak because it is "just so catchy."

### BASKETBALL Lance Theard

By Jordan Mayblum  
SPORTS EDITOR



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Lance Theard, a freshman on the men's basketball team this year, has played in one game so far for the Lasers. He scored 18 points, leading the team in scoring in their opening game against Brandeis. The 6'3" guard also led the team in rebounds during that game with four.

He said, "It was a great experience to have the opportunity to start as a freshman."

Originally from New Orleans, Theard had to move to Dallas for a year after Hurricane Katrina. While living in Dallas, he played his freshman year of high school basketball. He moved back to Louisiana for his sophomore year, where he resumed his playing career at Warren Easton High School in New Orleans.

Theard has been playing for a long time. He said, "I first started playing ball when I was six and fell in love with the game ever since."

Theard's favorite type of music is rap, in particular, he prefers Lil' Wayne and Drake. In his free time, he enjoys playing Madden NFL '10 for the Xbox 360. He says that his favorite team to be on Madden is his home town Saints. And of course, he spends plenty of free time at the gym, practicing his shot.

## Lasers fall short in home opener

By John Bicknell  
1851 STAFF



PHOTO BY KAYLEIGH ROBERTSON  
Lasell's Javon Williams attempts a shot against a WPI player.

After battling back from a 17 point second half deficit, the Lasell Men's Basketball Team fell to undefeated Worcester Polytechnic Institute 81-67, in front of a raucous crowd in the athletic center for the home opener. Freshman guard Lance Theard paced the Lasers with 29 points while sophomore forward Javon Williams chipped in 16 points to go along with a team high 7 rebounds.

WPI went on a 21-5 run led by the scoring and rebounding of Fernando Perez (26 points) to take a 62-45 lead midway through the second half. However, behind their smothering trap defense and Theard's hot shooting, the Lasers fought back and managed to climb within two points of tying the game at 65-63 with five minutes remaining. But with their energy expended, they scored only four points the rest of the way as WPI closed the game on a 16-4 run to escape with a win.

Head Coach Aaron Galletta was pleased with his team's effort, but would like to see more consistency from them as a group.

"WPI is a good program, and this game shows that we can play with anyone," said Galletta. "We need to play a full 40 minutes. We go on spurts where we make runs, but we need to make the spurts carry over for a full game."

The Lasers looked nervous coming out of the gates, as WPI took a 14-5 lead to begin the game. Dominik Orlow provided a much needed spark off the bench, scoring all seven of his points in the first half as the Lasers pulled within eight with four minutes left. With momentum in Lasell's favor and the score 36-32, Theard stole the ball at half court and took it to the hole for a crowd pleasing two-handed slam, cutting WPI's lead to just two with 1:30 left in the half.

"Lance played very well in his first home game. He kept us in the game with his shooting, and when we got down he brought us back again," said Galletta.

The Lasers (1-3) look to get back on the winning track as they begin league play at Albertus Magnus, followed by a home game against Norwich on Tuesday December 8th, at 8 p.m.

## Men's volleyball builds on youth

By Miguel Taveras  
1851 STAFF

Last year, the men's volleyball team saw their season come to an end in straight sets in the GNAC playoffs. As a new season approaches the Lasers hope to return to the playoffs once again, with better results this time around.

The Lasers will be a young team this year after losing four seniors, including All-GNAC second team, David Rogers. This year's team has only three upcoming seniors from last year's team.

With a total of 15 players this season, coach Jonah Mytro will over-

see seven freshmen, two sophomores, four juniors, three seniors, and captains Dustin Foster and Andy Cass. Mytro is optimistic about the youth on the team, "This may be the most talented group of incoming freshmen in Lasell volleyball history," he said.

Brendan McGourn, last year's GNAC rookie of the year, looks to lead the Lasers to the title and nothing less. The Lasers finished third in the GNAC standings last year, and hope to do better this season. "As a team, we have one goal, win GNAC's," said freshman Chris Burns.

The Lasers have a big test with fellow GNAC rival Rivier College. Rivier

has won the GNAC title two years running and are poised to have a strong argument for a three-peat, having lost only one senior. "They are a great team every year, but if we play to our potential and play as a team, we have a good chance at beating anyone," Burns said.

Unless there is a surprise team to emerge this season with the Emmanuel College Saints in the picture it looks like the GNAC will be a three-man race to the very finish.

The season begins with a tri-match on January 17th and the Lasers look forward to an unpredictable season that will be rewarding and challenging.

## Brandeis takes win over Lasell

By Jordan Mayblum and Brandon Chase  
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The Lasell Men's Basketball Team opened their 2009-2010 season on Tuesday November 17th when they took on rival Brandeis. Lasell finished strong against the Judges, outscoring them 54-45 in the second half, but were unable to rally from a 20-point halftime deficit.

Sloppy play on both sides of the ball cost the Lasers as they allowed the Judges to start the game on an 11-3 run, building a commanding 45-25 lead at half time. The Lasers turned the ball over 16 times in the game, including four steals by Brandeis senior Kenny Small.

The game became more competitive in the second half when the Lasers cut the Judges' lead to eight points, trailing 84-76 with 42 seconds left in the game. That was as close as Lasell would come to victory, as Brandeis controlled the tempo for most of the game. Brandeis capitalized on 16 Laser turnovers as senior Kenny Small had four steals.

Five Lasell players were in double figures, with freshman Lance Theard leading the way, chipping in 18 point and four rebounds, also the team-high. According to Theard, the team needs to do a better job

at "being able to start and finish with the same intensity," he said.

Freshman Dominik Orlow also played well for the Lasers in their season opener, scoring 16 points and tied for the team high with four rebounds.

For Brandeis, Freshman Vytas Kriskas was the star, scoring 23 points while shooting 5-11 behind the arc, where he was left wide open quite often by the Lasers, who struggled throughout on defense.



PHOTO TO BY KAYLEIGH ROBERTSON  
Brett Heimann shows strong emotion as the Lasers struggle to keep up with the Judges.



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Sean Jaynes battles for the ball against a Brandeis player.



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LASSELL COLLEGE'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER

## Students stunned by rash of robberies

Campus Police continue investigation



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(Top) Victims of the robbery included numerous residents on the first floor of Woodland.  
 (Bottom) Over \$7,000 worth of belongings were stolen from rooms without forced entry.

By Zac Vierra  
1851 STAFF

When residents of Woodland Hall returned from winter break, many found a shocking discovery: most of their belongings were missing. Five rooms on the first floor, and two rooms on both the second and third floors of Woodland were robbed. An estimated \$7,000 worth of belongings was stolen.

A T.V. and six DVDs were taken from room 100, according to Lawrence Fagan. Rocco Mancinelli said his room, 101, was missing a Nintendo DS, a graphing calculator and 20 DVDs. Richie Saenz said his room, Woodland 102, was also missing a graphing calculator, along with a pair of \$125 sunglasses, and a laundry card. Room 106, according to Billy Ritchie, had a \$300 T.V., a power strip, and a computer charger stolen. An external hard drive, multiple pairs of sunglasses, and a DVD player were taken from room 107, according to Jeff Cap and AJ Delgado. Only two rooms from room 107 down to the end of the hall, were not robbed.

On the second floor, clothes and sunglasses were taken from Adam Acosta's room, 210A. Room 211A, however, got hit the worst. According to resident of room 211A, Adam Topel, "I was robbed the day before winter break." He said he returned from winter break to find more items missing. Overall, a Playstation 3, a Macbook, a Gucci wallet containing \$600, a Louis Vuitton pouch, an iPod, a necklace, and clothes were taken from room 211A in multiple robberies. Topel later found the box for the wallet in the hallway of Woodland.

Room 303 on the third floor was missing Oakley sunglasses and some DVDs, said Nick Lombardo. Room 308 also got hit hard. According to resident Steven Robinson, they were missing 13 pairs of sneakers, an iPod dock, a 30-inch T.V., an Xbox 360 and four games, and a projector.

All of the rooms were locked during winter break. An email from Campus Police to Woodland residents stated, "There has been no evidence of forcible entry in any of the thefts." Many students are worried that the thief got a hold of a master key and are afraid more

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## Campus responds to Haiti

By Kimberly A. Hooper  
COPY EDITOR

On January 12th, an earthquake registering 7.0 on the Richter scale crippled Haiti, hitting 10 miles west of the capital city Port-au-Prince. Since then, Americans are coming together to make a difference and students at Lasell are doing the same.

With the death toll expected to top 300,000, Lasell and the rest of the nation realizes it's an urgent time to give back. Millions of dollars have been donated to the Haiti Relief Fund and Lasell has set up their own campaign ([http://www.standwithhaiti.org/page/outreach/view/earthquake\\_group/LASELLCOLLEGE](http://www.standwithhaiti.org/page/outreach/view/earthquake_group/LASELLCOLLEGE)).

Students and faculty are working together to create volunteer opportunities, and professors are incorporating Haiti into their class discussions and activities.

Sharyn Lowenstein, Associate Professor of English, has her honors class researching and presenting a project involving fundraising and awareness in Haiti. According to the Honors 205C syllabus the goal is, "to inspire us to action."

"Incorporating the events in Haiti into class discussions and assignments is a great way for students to fully understand the impact of the earthquake and how students can help out," said Briana Nestor, a sophomore in Lowenstein's class.

Partners in Health, a Boston-based charitable organization working in Haiti for more than 20 years, has teamed up with other organizations to support earthquake victims. Lasell has set up their own website linked to Partners in Health, where anyone in the community can donate directly to the organization.

"The earthquake in Haiti is really part of a larger concern. This semester we are going to be raising money for Haiti and the people struggling to survive there," said Amy Greene, Student Program Coordinator. "The country was struggling with hunger and poverty before the earthquake and now the problems are much worse. It is a personal call to volunteer and donate money."

Partners in Health is currently working in Haiti to improve conditions and help the

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## Workers rally for better wages

By Sara Brown  
and Elisa Bronstein  
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On Wednesday February 3rd, Seminary Avenue was filled with the loud voices of angry housekeepers and janitors chanting, "No justice, no peace."

Lasell housekeepers and janitors are working with an organization called Service Workers United (SWU) to help negotiate better wages. The local chapter of SWU working with Lasell is called SEIU Local 615. Over a year ago, the housekeeping staff at Lasell voted to join a union. That is when SWU stepped in and started helping with negotiations between the workers and Sodexo to develop a fair contract. Since then,

contract negotiations have been stalled, according to Sarrin List, a member of SWU.

Sodexo provides food service, janitorial work and laundry services and is the world's 22nd largest employer, with around 120,000 employees in North America. Thousands of these Sodexo employees are working and living in the Bay State, and many are providing services in our private and public colleges and universities. Sodexo is thriving in the current economy, recently reporting that its 2009 revenues were up 7.9 percent (to \$19.85 billion) and operating profits were up 8.1 percent (to \$1.009 billion).

According to SWU press releases, negotiations have been stalled because Sodexo has yet to put up a contract that is near industry standards.

"Sodexo has yet to offer a contract that meets standards in the Massachusetts area. The Lasell housekeeping staff's wages are extremely lower than other schools in the area," said List.

"We are out here today to put more pressure on Sodexo," said List. "This all makes this more visible especially to students." List says the fact the negotiations have taken more than a year hurts the housekeeping staff and their family the most.

One of these people is Guadalupe Gonzalez, a Lasell housekeeper for five years. "I am out here today because I deserve a better wage. We all deserve better wages. I deserve more respect," said Gonzalez.

Gonzalez says most do not understand how demanding her job really is. "The work is very hard and very physical," she said. She also says working conditions are difficult. "The bosses are bad and don't care about us. They keep adding more to our workload. They have favorites who they are nicer to and give better wages to."

Professor Joseph Aieta was also at the rally for a brief moment to show his support to the housekeeping staff. "No doubt Sodexo would argue that

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Sodexo worker pickets on Seminary Ave.



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## Editor's Column

### Apathetic attitude

By Michelle McNickle  
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

If there's one holiday which produces the greatest amount of dread among people of all ages, it would be Valentine's Day. Even before February 1st rolls around, stores are stocking obscene amounts of candy, stuffed bears, and chocolate. This year, Hollywood has jumped on the bandwagon, creating an all-star cast movie dedicated to the stresses of Valentine's Day. While there are extremist attitudes left and right, flaunting puppy love or empowering singles everywhere, I have come to question through my 21 years of life, whether or not one's attitude towards Valentine's Day can be totally apathetic.

See, I have a confession. As horrid as it may sound, I have never had a valentine. Whether looked at as a blessing or a curse, the relationships in my life have always managed to skip over the seemingly dreaded holiday, leaving me to usually disregard it all together. However, while I've continued to go my merry way, purposefully unaffected by the stigmas attached to Valentine's Day, I couldn't help but notice those who hate it with a passion.

When you're single, it's almost inevitable to have a bias towards Valentine's Day. For one day a year, those without a significant other stress, complain, and make sorry attempts simply to have someone to spend the day with. For as long as I can remember, my Valentine's Days are spent listening to my single friends ramble about just that: being single. Yet, they never stop to think that aside from Valentine's Day, they admittedly will voice how much they don't want to be hung up in a relationship at this point in their lives.

So while I tend to be a happily innocent bystander of the woes of Valentine's Day, I have come to question what would happen if the holiday was more than a pink and red infused, Hallmark card-themed day of extravagant affection. As redundant and corny as it sounds, I can't help but think the stress society has placed on this one day during the year, and how the stress could subside if we look beyond the blatant idea of what we have come to know as Valentine's Day.

So whether you're taken or single, content or not, why not make this year different? Instead of immensely stressing over the day, while being influenced by Hallmark commercials and grotesque displays of chocolate, be a little creative and express your love in an original way. And who knows? The outcome may surprise you...

## OPINION

# Obama's first year in review

By James Jackson  
1851 STAFF

A little over a year ago, Barack Obama was inaugurated as the 44th President of the United States. The moment was both historic and special, because Obama is the first black President. It also marked the end of the road for former President George W. Bush, whose presidency was marked by terrorist attacks, two wars and an economy knee-deep in recession. As President Obama concluded his inaugural speech, he knew he had a mountain of challenges facing him. Most critics were skeptical Obama's message of hope and change would fall flat in Washington.

One year later, and President Obama has definitely brought change to America. His progressive plan for America has been met with praise and criticism as well. One of his first actions as president was to close down Guantanamo Bay, a prison located in southern Cuba which is home to suspected and convicted terrorists. He then passed the largest economic stimulus bill in American history, which included tax cuts for the middle class and small businesses, and tax credits and incentives for the creation of "green jobs." Obama lifted the bans on stem-cell research, set a timetable for troop withdrawal in Iraq and Afghanistan and expanded children's healthcare.

The biggest issue Obama has tried to push is healthcare overhaul. This was one of Obama's main points during his campaign, but sadly it wasn't approved by all. With this hard work, one would think Obama wouldn't have time for much else but he has. He plays basketball and golf, and spends quality time with his family. Obama even found time to travel to Norway to accept his Nobel Peace Prize.

All in all, President Barack Obama is a strong and charismatic leader. He has been progressive in terms of pushing his campaign promises through Congress. In one year, he's already accomplished what we thought would take four years, and this is why his promise of change is something I still believe in.

By Brian Cotnoir  
1851 STAFF

Last January, Barack Obama assumed office as the 44th President of the United States. Throughout his campaign people praised Obama as if he were the second coming of Christ. People believed if he were elected, he would change the country and world for the better. Obama won over American voters with promises of "hope" and "change" yet, since he assumed office nothing has changed.

A year has gone by and what has he accomplished? On January 27th President Obama spoke to the nation in his first State of the Union Address, and I noticed he overused the phrases, "we will" and "in a few years." I believe we've been down this road before. If we wanted a president who does nothing but make empty promises, don't you think we would've kept George W. Bush in office? I want to know when this "change" is coming. Some days I look in the mirror and say to myself, "I can't believe the country elected a man whose campaign slogan was the same thing a homeless person shouts on a street corner." What has Obama accomplished: winning the Nobel Peace Prize?

Are we out of the economic crisis? No, because Obama was naive enough to trust those greedy capitalist pigs at AIG by giving them money for a supposed "bail out." Is he pulling troops out of Iraq and Afghanistan? No, he's deploying troops to the Middle East. Then there's the health care crisis. Doesn't he realize when millions of people are protesting across the country, his plan for health care reform might not be a good idea?

To take the words from the man himself, I "hope" there will be a "change" in the White House in 2012. President Obama, you seem like a nice guy, but the bottom line is you got lucky. How about when your term ends in three years, you go back to Washington D.C. or Illinois, get yourself more political experience, and let real politicians run the show. Maybe in the year 2024, I can take your campaign and candidacy seriously.

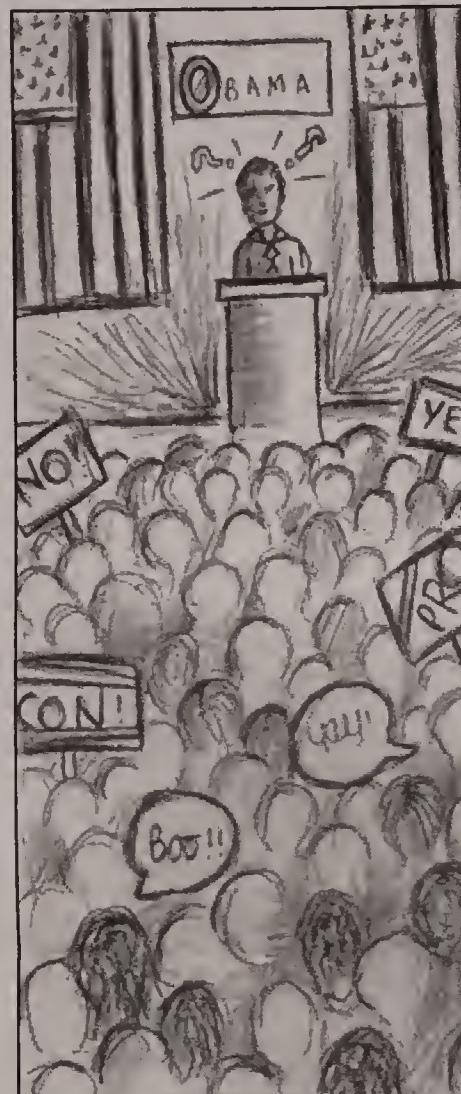


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# Watch your step on campus

By Sean Ruderman  
1851 STAFF

Black ice has taken the campus down a slippery slope this winter. Students have navigated with a cautious approach because of the looming danger unseen ice brings. Once the sun goes down students are at the mercy of ice. Black ice, the most lucid form of ice, often takes the color of the ground underneath it, leaving unsuspecting students in harms way.

The ice is normally between (0 degrees/-18 C) and is commonly found on roadways when the moisture from car exhausts condenses. Because ice is such a hard thing to notice, every winter, hundreds of accidents are blamed on black ice. The normal ice killer, salt, is useless when it comes to melting ice at such a low temperature, so there is no clear cut

way to fight against it. Distinguishing black ice from water on roads and sidewalks is a challenge and contributes to falls on the sidewalk or spinouts on the highway.

Now back to the problem at Lasell. No matter where you walk on campus, it is nearly impossible to dodge some form of ice. I've personally seen multiple students take spills walking from class, or navigating through the campus' uneven terrain. For instance, walking out of the student center down the hill towards Woodland is practically an ice hill. Students often grab each other for stability while coasting down the walkway.

Ice is a serious liability and hidden danger, especially on a college campus. It is no mystery some students drink on the weekend. There are more than a few people who have a hard time walking back to their rooms in perfect condition, now

throw in some icy dark roads and parking lots and you have a recipe for disaster.

Could the school do more involving campus safety? Most likely. For instance the first day back for second semester people were forced to walk long distances to their dorms due to lack of parking. People who parked on the side of the road to avoid snow were told to move their cars or they would be towed. I understand Lasell isn't the definition of a parking paradise, but when you have two gigantic parking garages under new dorm buildings (West and East), one would think they would open to speed up the move-in process. Needless to say someone dropped the ball on that one.

Regardless of what measures the school takes however, weather is unpredictable and nearly impossible to control. As long as there is ice and snow, it is possible something uncertain can happen and that's just the way it is.

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## NEWS

# Rooms robbed, unsolved

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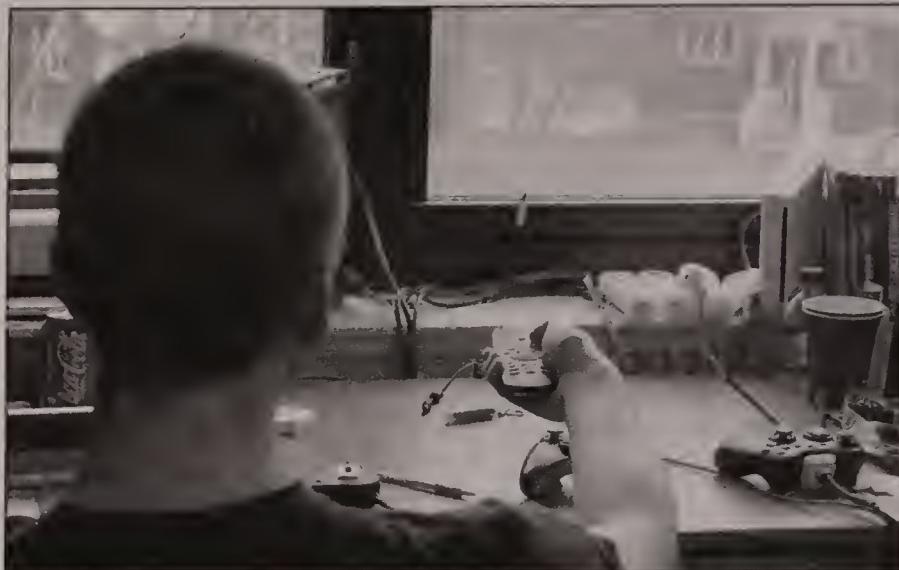
items will be stolen. Woodland Hall area coordinator Lesley Kennedy declined to comment on the larcenies.

While students claimed to have locked their doors before the break began, some are also looking to Residential Life for an explanation as to how an intruder may have entered the building at all over break. Lieutenant Edward Conlin of Campus Police assured students that Woodland was indeed locked the day break began, and that students had neither working cards to enter, nor keys to the front door of the building.

However, freshman Caitlin Coyne, who returned to campus during winter break to retrieve a jacket from her room in Woodland, found it incredibly easy to gain access to the building. "I was told by a friend to go to Student Affairs and grab a key that would allow me to enter the building. There was one woman in the office and I asked her for a key to Woodland so that I could grab a jacket that I left here," said Coyne, in an email to the 1851 Editor. "With no questions asked, she ran into her office, and gave me the key to Woodland Hall. I wasn't asked to show an I.D. or any proof of identification that I even attended Lasell."

When asked to respond to Coyne's comment, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Dean Hennessey said, "Elisa Scarsella, The Coordinator of Housing Operations provided a building key to Caitlyn Coyne... She was familiar with the student and her assignment due to mutual communications in the fall regarding a room issue. One of the advantages of a school of Lasell's size is that faculty and staff know many of the students, even if they do not know us. If she had not known the student, Ms. Scarsella would have checked her identification."

Some Woodland residents have become suspicious of others living in Woodland Hall, yet the identity of the robber is still unknown. Lieutenant Conlin



Woodland resident Sam Awezec aims his remote at the blank space where his T.V. was stolen.

strongly urges students to provide any information regarding the thefts, and stated that while they may not initially feel comfortable coming to Campus Police, their inclinations can lead to a quicker explanation of the robberies. "It could always help if students come forward. They should share any information with the law enforcement," said Conlin. "Most times, a student will say 'I have an idea, but I don't want to get involved,' but if they have an idea, they need to come forward." Students who wish to contact Campus Police can do so through email, phone, or by simply stopping in the office. "They can talk to Officer Cibotti, who is conducting a lot of this," said Conlin. "And if they wish to remain anonymous, they can."

Campus Police are currently investigating

the thefts, and would like to make clear that it is a long process, restricted to numerous interviews with many people on campus. "We're pursuing multiple possibilities," said Conlin. "It's extremely difficult without physically finding someone with [the stolen items]. The process is heavily interview and witness driven."

Many students were upset about the larcenies, assuming their belongings would be fine during break. Sam Awezec, who got his items stolen from room 106, said, "It is the responsibility of Lasell to keep our belongings safe over winter break." No students have had their belongings returned or have received any money from Lasell.

According to Associate Dean of Student

Affairs David Hennessey, Lasell does not have an insurance policy to cover students' property, something he states as, "pretty consistent among colleges." Hennessey referred to a passage from the Lasell handbook which states: "Lasell College carries no insurance covering personal property, and assumes no responsibility for items lost, damaged or stolen from student rooms or storage at any time. Residents are encouraged to review their family personal property insurance coverage and obtain appropriate coverage."

Hennessey was informed of the thefts shortly after break, when Campus Police filed multiple reports. "When there is more than one report filed, we get worried," said Hennessey. "Usually thefts here are a singular event." Hennessey said thefts of this magnitude do not seem to be a pattern at Lasell.

As for the future Hennessey said, "The long term plan is to set up cameras [in Woodland], although he added this plan is not imminent."

So far, Hennessey has met with many students who have been robbed. Like most Lasell students, Hennessey hopes Campus Police will soon find the identity of the thief.

While students are rightly upset with the college, it has been found on many occasions, that students are still not locking their doors in Woodland. Thomas Koerber, Director of Public Safety and Plant Operations, explained how students tend not to lock their doors in general, despite these thefts. "We've been doing surveys of Woodland. Last week, we did a walk through of [the building] and found 18 unlocked doors, 10 of which were empty rooms. The counts have gotten better [since starting the surveys] but kids need to lock their doors."

Even with their doors locked, students do not feel completely safe. "I hope Lasell will improve safety procedures so I can feel as if my stuff is safe in a locked room," stated Awezec, a feeling that seems to be shared with most Woodland residents. Awezec said, "If someone successfully broke into my room once, what makes me think they won't do it again?"

~With contributions from Michelle McNickle

# Support for Haiti

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people. "They are working to provide medical care. They are also donating supplies like food and water," said Greene.

Lasell's goal is to reach \$5,000 in donations, and according to Greene, efforts will extend throughout the spring, possibly longer. Greene encourages students to get involved.

"You don't have to do a lot, a little really adds up," said Greene. She suggests people make flyers or form groups with friends and volunteer.

In January, Lasell held a community prayer and reflection service for the people of Haiti and their families in deWitt Hall. The prayer service began with a welcome by President Alexander, followed by a prayer led by Reverend Jerry B. Madkins, Associate Professor of Management.

Nyndia Diligent, MACC AmeriCorps \*VISTA, an immigrant from Haiti, spoke during the service about memories from her grandfather's funeral. She remembered people singing, dancing, laughing, and celebrating. She explained when someone dies, "We don't just mourn death, we celebrate their life and legacy. "We are going to get through this [tragedy] together," Diligent said.

The service concluded with a song called, "Dieu Tout-Puissant" (God All Power-

ful). Lasell Village staff members, Edith Renaudin and Edline Charles sang and embraced the community with their voices.

"I felt everyone involved did a great job reaching out and offering hope to the community. It was a moving service and it touched the hearts of the listeners," said student Lucas Baxter.

Students who are struggling with the events in Haiti are being reminded there are safe places to go and talk on-campus.

"I am aware that everyone has a different way of grieving, whether it is to jump to action and help or to keep it to yourself privately," said Diligent via a post on My.Lasell. "As a Haitian immigrant I feel compelled to create a place where other Haitians can share their thoughts and experiences with each other."

The members of the counseling center are also encouraging students to make an appointment if they would like to talk to someone.

"...The Counseling Center wants Lasell students to know that the Center is available as a personal resource for any student who has been impacted emotionally by the tragedy in Haiti. Individual appointments can be arranged by stopping by the Health and Counseling Centers Suite, calling 617-243-2451, or emailing [JFletcher@Lasell.edu](mailto:JFletcher@Lasell.edu)," said Janice Fletcher, Director of Counseling Center.



Dr. Jennifer Drew stands with a suggestion at the Haiti fundraising meeting on February 4.

# Workers rally

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they pay above the minimum wage, which is accurate, and that they have to maintain their own economic viability, which is also the case, though there is likely to be disagreement over what constitutes viability/profitability. Still, if one looks at minimum wage it is not really possible to have any kind of quality of life attempting to live at the minimum wage in our area," said Ajeta.

"I think our housekeepers deserve the respect that comes with a tough job," said student Alicia Deily.

In an email interview Bill Stark of Sodexo said, "Sodexo respects the collective bargaining process and will not discuss the terms of negotiation in the media."

David Kent, Community/Political Organizer at SEIU Local 615 said Lasell housekeepers make on average, \$12.49 per hour, whereas the average in the Boston area is \$17.50. Until a contract consisting of better compensation, reasonable hours and a level of respect is formed, List says that the SWU will continually be on campus until a fair contract is made. "We are not going away any time soon," said List.



The Lasell community came together to show support for workers.

# Recycle, compete, win!

By Briana Nestor

FEATURES EDITOR

This past December, Lasell joined RecycleMania, a ten-week recycling competition among colleges and universities around the world in an effort to reduce the amount of trash generated on campus.

RecycleMania began January 17 and ends March 27. Each college or university in the competition submits recycling and trash data weekly. The results are posted on [www.recyclemania.org](http://www.recyclemania.org) for students and faculty to see how their school ranks against competitors.

RecycleMania is made up of two divisions: the Benchmark and Competition Division. Lasell is in the Competition Division which constitutes the official competition and posted rankings, according to [www.recyclemania.org](http://www.recyclemania.org).

Marc Fournier, Assistant Director for Plant Operations and Sustainability, entered Lasell into the competition as part of the campus' Green Campus Initiative. "I want to get people excited about recycling and one way to do that is to compete," he said.

Recycling on campus is simple, according to Fournier. Whole Foods Market donated 600 white recycling buckets which were distributed to students' dorms over winter break. Single Stream recycling guidelines were posted around campus.

"Read the guidelines and recycle as much as you can by using the color coded containers [around campus]," said Fournier. He hopes to reduce waste by 50 percent on campus by the end of the competition.

Aaron Toffler, professor of Environmental Studies, dedicated the efforts of his Intro to Environmental Studies class to RecycleMania. "It's about Connected Learning and learning about environmental studies through a lens of recycling is a good experience for students," said Toffler. "I'd like to get recognized for our efforts and improve the recycling rate."

Visit RecycleMania's website, [www.recyclemania.org](http://www.recyclemania.org), to see weekly results or contact Marc Fournier with questions or comments at [mfournier@lasell.edu](mailto:mfournier@lasell.edu).

## FEATURES

# Sex ED 101: Toys and Facts

By Amy Morgan

1851 STAFF

On Friday, February 5 Gardner House hosted the third annual sex toys party. This was the biggest year yet because all students were welcome to attend.

Yes, this event was exactly what it sounded like; students were able to purchase various sex toys and other "goodies." With a private selling of items, no one will have to be alone this Valentine's Day. How-

ever, the event was meant to be fun and educational, not simply focused on toys.

Lakeisha Gerald, the RA of Gardner House, among others, spoke on how to practice safe sex and lead healthy relationships. Gerald said the event encouraged open discussions and tips on how to maintain a happy love life. Health services also showed a movie which answered the ques-

tions students might be afraid to ask.

The company sponsoring the event, Athena's Home Novelties, had a "goddess" playing games, showing off merchandise and getting audience members to do demonstrations such as product trials and taste testing. Students were allowed to attend with significant others or friends. The event was quite an experience.

## Revealing a softer side

By Alyssa Lusky

1851 STAFF



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHARYN LOWENSTEIN

**The Lowenstein family poses for a photo in Emma's native home of China.**

Although she may not teach every student at Lasell, Professor Sharyn Lowenstein is well known. Whether persuading students to get involved in the community or helping to create linked credits, Lowenstein has influence. "She was willing to meet with me and discuss my linked credit at the last minute and made sure everything was in place," said sophomore Olivia Larsen.

Everyone knows her passion is teaching and helping others, but very few members of the community know Lowenstein's other side; the side that has a deep love for her daughter, Emma, 11, who describes her mother as "beautiful, sweet, nice, smart and loud."

The day after Thanksgiving in 2000, Lowenstein received news she and her husband, Greg Tolly, would be the parents of a girl from Shantou, China. "Everyone who knew us knew we were expecting. But, I obviously thought that since it was Thanksgiving the office would be closed and we weren't going to hear from them," said Lowenstein.

They were at a friend's house when they got the call. "They told us we had a daughter. I still have the notes I took while I was on the phone with them."

Emma, Lowenstein's daughter, is her pride and joy. "My favorite thing to do is to go out to eat on mom and daughter nights and to play games," Emma said about her mom. Emma was adopted on January 8, 2001 when she was two and a half years old. Lowenstein and Tolly went through a process taking about six months before the adoption papers were filed and sent to China.

Once they were matched with a child, they were sent a single photo of Emma along with her medical information. "At the point in which we were collecting names, physicians, and going to parenting class, I felt pregnant," said Lowenstein with a smile. The couple had no trouble picking out a name, since in the Jewish tradition, the family names a child after a significant deceased person in the family. Their daughter's name had to begin with an "E" because of the tradition.

Lowenstein and her husband traveled with other adopting parents. "On January 5,

## Behind the passion for community service lies a devoted mother.

2001 we left to pick her up. We were part of a group, and there were four other families in our travel group," said Lowenstein. "The moment she was handed to me, she was beyond hysterical. I'd never seen anything like it. We took her back to the hotel room to comfort her. She cried until about 5 p.m. and then she fell asleep," she said. At midnight, Emma woke up, rolled over to look at both parents beside her, and everything clicked.

Although life was hard after adopting, Lowenstein said becoming a mother was, "fabulous. All these firsts, even though she wasn't an infant. It was such a rush. She was a beautiful toddler and she was always very funny."

Although Emma spoke Shantouese and a bit of Mandarin, Lowenstein said she never felt like she couldn't communicate. "Here I was, considered almost a geriatric mom, who now had a toddler who was running everywhere. And I had to be home, which was hard since I was used to working," she said.

Last summer, the family returned to China for the first time since they received Emma. Although Emma had no trouble once they arrived in China, where they stayed for three weeks, Lowenstein described how nervous she was about the trip. "Everything was staged," she said. "We were only allowed to see certain floors of the orphanage and we were only allowed to look into her file and take a few pictures." They also visited Emma's foundling place, where the child is left to be found and taken to the orphanage. "She knew it was important, but it didn't register in a way that it registered for me," said Lowenstein.

Lowenstein is one of the most influential individuals on campus. "She gets people excited about things," said her husband Greg. Lowenstein's excitement has driven students to be more involved in their community. "She's very passionate about community service and has been very helpful in getting me involved," said sophomore Sarah Fellah. Nevertheless, behind the passion for community service lies a devoted mother whose love for her daughter is never-ending.

## Valentine's Day safety tips

By Alyssa Lusky

1851 STAFF

As Valentine's Day quickly approaches, Ann Sherman, Director of Health Services, would like students to keep certain things in mind this holiday to ensure safety. Sherman urges students to consider the following:

1. "Don't drink out of an open container at a public place. Be aware people still use date rape drugs. 90 percent of rapes on a college campus are perpetrated by people you know whether they are acquaintances, friends, or friends of friends."

2. "If you are drinking alcoholic beverages, be mindful of how much you are drinking in relation to your food intake. Remember to eat protein approximately one hour prior to alcohol intake and to drink a full glass of water (8 ounces) in between each alcoholic beverage." One supersized container of alcohol does not equal one drink.

3. "Not everyone has to have a valentine. This is a 'Hallmark card' holiday. This holiday can sometimes make people who do not have a significant other in their life feel badly about themselves. People need to be mindful that not everyone is coupled. If you see that someone is feeling really sad because they are not with a 'someone,' try to include them in your party plans and make them feel welcome. If you think they are in danger of hurting themselves, please call campus police at (617)-243-2279."

4. "Remember unprotected intercourse of any kind may lead to a sexually transmitted infection and/or pregnancy."

5. "If you are going to be in a sexual relationship, please use a condom each time you have intercourse."

If students have any questions or concerns and would like to talk to someone, the staff at the Heath Center will be happy to discuss your thoughts.



**By Deirdre McCombs**  
ASST. LAYOUT EDITOR

I am not Paula Deen, although I dream to have the southern accent and to deep-fry Oreos for breakfast. I, Deirdre McCombs, can't cook in any way, shape or form. The things I cook are from boxes that are pre-made.

I make a mean chili. Well at least I heat up a mean chili. I can barely do that. I tried making chili a couple of weeks ago and burnt my wrist so badly that a certain professor thought it was a failed suicide attempt. Though I'm still here, the chili never stood a chance. From a young age, I watched my mom in the kitchen...serving us ice cream for breakfast. She would try to make pancakes for dinner but nearly killed me with the amount of eggshell I found in them. I will give my mother credit because she can make bacon in the microwave.

On the eve of the annual Christmas dinner for "The 1851 Chronicle," I had a hot mess situation on my hands. I purchased a cheesecake mix that claimed, "anyone could make this." I put on heels, so I could see over the counter into the bowl, and put on a cute apron. Hell, if I was going to cook I might as well just do it up.

The box claimed it was easy and they were right; it was easy. I thought the curse was over. I felt like it was 2004 all over again. That is until I opened the refrigerator door to see if any one had eaten the cheesecake. The cheesecake fell out onto the floor. That's right, all my hard work gone down the drain. To add to the chaos, my puppy decided he was in charge of cleaning up. I stood in the kitchen with my dog, who was happy as can be, and I thought to myself, "oh great, another cooking disaster." With 24 hours left until the party, I attempted to do something I'd never thought I would do: I baked cookies.

I am not going to lie. I had a little help from the Pillsbury Doughboy. Due to the fact I am the hot mess, I can mess up anything. I burnt the cookies and my arm. I set one batch on fire; it was like Smokey the Bear's worst nightmare. My mother was not surprised and not very happy.

I had just a few hours to get back to school with fresh cookies that didn't look like a four-year-old made them. Third time is a charm, I came to the party not only with a batch of cookies but also a Lady Gaga inspired mask and outfit. That pretty much proved to everyone that I shouldn't be in the kitchen. I should stick to making people laugh. After everything, it was a great night. Besides, who needs cooking skills when you can wear Lady Gaga masks and scare every straight man in the room!

## FEATURES

*Post Secrets*

Compiled by Rachel Amiralian

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- Matthew Clement Gagne, the way you stroke your strings drives me wild. - Secret Admirer
- To Meghan Maare. I see you all the time but don't know how to express my feelings. I really want to meet you and tell you face to face. Please come to the middle of the soccer field on Feb. 14th at 4 O'clock to meet your secret admirer. - X
- To my girlies :) I love y'all and you've made college amazing. Happy Valentine's Day :) - Criselen T.
- To Brendon, I love your rash. Love, Hannah and Will
- Melanie Casta, I saw you from afar. You are my shining star. I want to buy you a car with my tax returns from H&R. Love always, Clase Daor



- "So I've kinda been thinkin' about ya all day :)"

- To all the beautiful ladies, I'm looking for a mother of the earth, queen of the universe. Love Lance
- Dear Banks, I have always had a crush on you! Will you make my four years at Lasell worthwhile and be my Valentine? <3
- Dear #25 B-ball Laser! You are gorgeous and I would love to educate you on life! :)
- I have a boyfriend... But I wish Mr. T could be my valentine. I wish to have him tattooed on the back of my neck <3
- I'm learning to be a stripper on Valentine's Day.
- Paula Burbasa and Diva Star - Happy V-day, Let's get wasted! <3 Miss Kellz



By Sara Brown

1851 CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

We all have our flaws and I'm no exception. While most know me for my radiant, sunny and overall amazing personality, I'm woman enough to admit that my penchant for complaining is kind of annoying. And by kind of, I mean extremely. If something upsets me in the slightest way, you will hear my mouth ranting. From homework to boyfriend troubles to the man on the moon looking at me wrong, I will complain about anything.

To be honest, for the longest time, I didn't see anything wrong with this character flaw of mine. If I wanted to complain all the time, it was my prerogative. To top that, life had definitely punched me in the gut numerous times and I knew I earned the right to complain.

My thinking changed on January 12, 2010, the day the earthquake hit Haiti. My once monumental problems seemed minuscule compared to what those of Haiti were grappling with. When you hear stories about babies becoming orphans, people losing everything they own and people dying, your perspective can't help but change.

The problems I thought I had now seemed like blessings. My family, friends, Lasell and work gave me reasons to cherish life. While none of those aspects were perfect all the time, they have made me smile more than frown which is most important.

While watching news coverage about Haiti, I came across an interview with a Haitian man. This man was trapped in the rubble of his collapsed house for days and was later pulled out by rescuers. Even though this man had been cold, thirsty and starving for days, he still had the biggest smile. I couldn't help but think to myself, "See that man gets it. He has just gone through the biggest ordeal in his life and he is still smiling. You need to be more like him, Sara."

While most of us fortunately will never have to go through something as devastating as an earthquake, we can take this as an opportunity to learn and better ourselves. Not everything in our lives is constant. Good things and people will leave our lives eventually. We might as well enjoy these blessings while they are still in our lives and be grateful for them.

I know I may sound cheesy and preachy as I say this but it's true. Life is too short to be complaining about everything that has gone wrong. We might as well focus our energy on everything that has gone right.

While I work on not complaining as often, I find myself from time to time slipping up on my goal. That's okay with me. I know it will take time to get where I want to be and I'm willing to work hard. Until then, I will be enjoying every obstacle and lesson life throws at me.

Laser It

Eric Wang and Nicole Slader

## Anniversary:

January 23, 2008



"My favorite memory with Nicole would probably be visiting her in London for a weekend while she was studying abroad during our junior year. It was my first time visiting Europe and it was a lot of fun. We managed to pack a lot into the short time I was there. Also, we hadn't seen each other in quite some time, which made the experience that much sweeter." — Eric Wang



## Chorus sings to new beat

By John Bicknell

NEWS EDITOR

The Lasell chorus has begun its second semester under the leadership of Allegra Martin, whose love of singing and upbeat personality promises to take the chorus to new heights. Also known as PERF 102, chorus meets in Rosen Auditorium on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m. It can be taken as a one credit class, but anyone is open to join, as Ms. Martin is looking for new members.

There are currently four singers: sophomore Sally Jean-Baptiste, graduate student Raymond Anderson, and freshmen Wendy Chen and Diana West. Jean-Baptiste is the lone returning member, and she hopes more students will come every week until they eventually fill 20 seats or more.

"Ideally we would like to have anywhere between 30 and 50 members, but we would settle for 20," said Jean-Baptiste.

Ms. Martin is an adjunct faculty member with a master's degree in choral conducting. She attended Westminster Choir College in New Jersey, as well as Williams College in Williamstown. She has taught choirs at the primary and secondary school levels, but this is her first time



Chorus members at a recent practice.

PHOTO BY SCOTT LAPIER

teaching at a college. She emphasizes the low turnout by telling the members to, "bring an extra body that's alive," to every practice. Regardless of how many singers she has to work with, she plans on getting the most out of the group.

"I want us to sing a variety of songs and sing them with enthusiasm and

accuracy. Mainly I want us to have fun, though," said Martin.

The chorus will be performing at Spring Symposium with the Jazz Ensemble headed by Harvey Finstein. Anyone interested in singing is encouraged to attend a session any Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. in Rosen Auditorium.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Dear Rachel

By Rachel Amiralian

1851 STAFF



Dear Rachel,  
I've fallen for  
my friend's ex-boyfriend. I didn't  
mean to but he's  
so cute and we  
get along so well!  
I don't want to upset  
my friend but I  
really want to go  
out with him. I was  
wandering when  
it's okay to date

Your friend's ex??  
Signed,  
Feeling Stuck

### Dear Feeling Stuck,

Oh the never-ending question of whether or not it is okay to date your friend's ex. This rule has been in the books as long as women have been on this earth but nonetheless, some rules are okay to break. This situation can be quite tricky and at first considered taboo but I know from personal experiences there are guys I've dated I couldn't care less if my friends started to date. One of my friends right now is even dating someone that her ex set her up with. Most importantly there are three major rules you should follow when it comes to dating a friend's ex. First of all, make sure your friend is over him. I'm not talking she says she's over him but she's really not. I'm talking 100 percent over him. If she's still creepin' his Facebook, FORGET ABOUT IT. Secondly, ask her before you do anything. Don't wait until you "accidentally" kiss him to tell her, be up front and honest about your feelings. Lastly, respect her wishes. If she's not comfortable with the situation, leave it alone. You obviously care about the friendship enough to ask for advice so make sure you listen to ensure your friendship stays intact. Guys come and go so don't waste your time stressing about them. Be good to your friends because in the long run, those are the relationships that are the most stable and reliable.

xoxo  
Rachel

Dear Rachel,  
Valentine's Day is coming and what do you know, I don't have a date. My boyfriend dumped me a few months ago and now I just feel lonely. I'm at college...shouldn't I find somebody to be my valentine? I swear this day was invented to make everyone who doesn't have a boyfriend or girlfriend feel bad about themselves. What is wrong with me and how can I get rid of this terrible day once and for all?

Signed,  
Desperate for a Date

### Dear Desperate for a Date,

Valentine's day has always been the day that brings the most polar opposite feelings among people. The couples look forward to this day and the singles dread it. I understand that this day is mainly about celebrating with a significant other but since when is that the end-all rule? What happened to it being a day about love in general? Valentine's Day was not created to make those who are alone feel more alone but instead celebrate the ones you love. Maybe part of why you don't have a date is that you're still getting over your ex, and that's okay. This year, don't focus on being in love, focus on the unconditional love in your life. Make V-day about your friends or family. Go out with your girls to dinner and a movie or have them over and cook dinner, drink cocktails and gossip! Even better, spend it with your mother who will always love you more than any boy can. Celebrate those who have been in your life and always will be in your life because they are the ones that matter and who truly know how fabulous you are as you can and be happy.

xoxo  
Rachel

## What do you want to do before you die?

By Kimberly A. Hooper

COPY EDITOR

Have you ever asked yourself what you want to do before you die? For some, this may be an uncomfortable question, but for four regular guys, it has become part of their daily lives. "The Buried Life," which airs Mondays at 10 p.m., on MTV follows four twenty-something friends who are determined to conquer unique and specific goals before they die.

The Canadian crew consists of Ben Nemtin, Dave Lingwood, and brothers Jonnie and Duncan Penn. Together they created a list containing 100 things they would like to accomplish before they die. The guys travel the globe, hoping to complete their goals and according to their website, Theburiedlife.com, "For every item they complete on their list, they help a stranger achieve one of their dreams." The list ranges from "host a lemonade stand," to "get a tattoo," to "pay for someone's groceries."

Others may think this question is cliché, but when you see these four friends

pour their heart and soul into their list, one realizes life is short, anything is possible, and that it feels good to help others.

"I think it's important to dare yourself to do things you're afraid of. I wanna live life to the limit and love it a lot. Fuel ambition with patience, respect, and a keen eye and you can do anything. I can prove it," said Jonnie Penn on Theburiedlife.com.

Along their way, the guys also find time to help others. "We've found that helping one person with their dream is more rewarding than completing ten of your own," according to Theburiedlife.com.

Unlike most MTV hits, stereotypes and a few pretty faces aren't what make this reality show great. "The Buried Life" is doing what all their viewers wish they could: living without limits, making dreams realities. They encourage you to make your own list, help a person out—realize you only live once.

So I ask you...what do you want to do before you die?

## Girly Life

By Katelyn Cross

1851 STAFF



If you think about it, men are a lot like a woman's closet. Certain outfits just don't work the way they want them to whereas others make you feel like you're on top of the world. You can go through men like you go through shirts, if you so choose, in order to find the perfect one.

Sometimes it takes a great deal of shopping to find the right outfit; the perfect fit. You have to know your body type and what you like in order to find the right item. Sometimes your closet can be so packed with great clothes that you don't know which ones to pick! But sometimes, your closet can be packed with nothing but ugly pairs. You can have items in there that you may want one day, and hate the next.

Some clothes can get old and can make you want to go out and buy new ones. Sometimes, you may have nothing in your closet, forcing you to go to different places to find new things. Along with putting new things in your closet comes taking things out of it. You learn what items work and which ones do nothing for you. Sometimes you need to get rid of things to make room for better ones. It may kill you to throw away your favorite pair of jeans, but if they just don't fit anymore, it's better to just get rid of them. If you find yourself neglecting something in your closet, you may want to give it to someone else, and let that piece be worn by a different woman. As hard as it may be to clean out your closet, sometimes you have to get rid of the old to make room for better things.

## The Vagina Monologues on campus

By Jordan Feeney

A&E EDITOR

"If your vagina got dressed what would it wear?...A tutu, see through black underwear, a taffeta ball gown?..." This question may alarm you, but it's just one of many memorable quotes from Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues," coming to Lasell this month.

To create such a hilariously gritty play, Ensler interviewed more than two hundred women. "The Vagina Monologues" also inspired Ensler to create the V-Day organization, a global movement to end violence against women.

Ultimately, it was Kaitlin Delucia, health educator and counselor, who organized this V-Day event. She asked Fallon Coster, a sophomore student and Campus Outreach Coordinator for the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, to direct the show. When asked why it was important to bring The Monologues to Lasell, Coster explained, "(We) saw this opportunity as a great way to raise awareness about sexual

assault and rape, along with several other issues that women face surrounding violence. It is also a very fun and entertaining show that many other colleges present annually, so we felt it was great to get Lasell on the bandwagon."

Expect to see students and faculty alike performing later this month, including Professor Sarahbeth Golden. Professor Golden will be performing one of the funniest and most controversial monologues in the play, "My Angry Vagina." Other performances include "I Was There in the Room" and "Hair."

To become part of this worldwide movement, all you have to do is attend. "The Vagina Monologues" will be showing Thursday, February 25th and Friday, February 26th at 7:30 p.m. in Yamawaki Auditorium. 50 percent of funds raised will go to the Lasell Peer Mentors. 40 percent will go to the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center and 10 percent will go to V-Day.

## Artist preview: Joshua Bennett

By Christina Annicelli

1851 STAFF

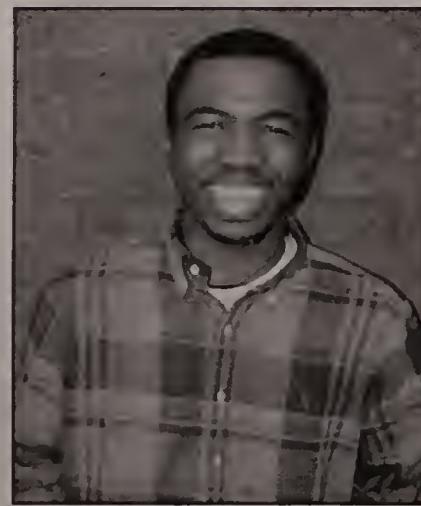


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Imagine what it would feel like to perform in front of the President of the United States. Penn State junior, Joshua Bennett, doesn't have to imagine because he has. Bennett performed his slam poetry before a crowd of over 200 people including President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle. After his performance, he received a standing ovation from all who attended.

In addition to this impressive accomplishment, Bennett and three other Penn State students were also winners on HBO's Poetry Slam competition, "Brave New Voices." Bennett has over 1,500 fans on Facebook, but if you are still not convinced of this young poet's power, you have the opportunity to witness him first hand later this month. He will be performing his slam poetry on February 18 at 8 p.m. in the Campus Center.

## Heavy metal meets opera

By Brian Cotnoir

1851 STAFF

Heavy metal meets opera? Sounds like a terrible musical combination, but when fused together just right, you are left with the greatness that is the Dutch band: Epica.

On January 30, amidst a sea of enthusiastic concertgoers at the Palladium in Worcester, fans anxiously anticipated Epica to take the stage. The band is currently touring to promote their latest album, "Design Your Universe."

Epica's musical style is symphonic/gothic metal: music that features fierce heavy metal and "death grunts" combined with mezzo-soprano vocals. Guitarist Mark Jansen formed the band shortly after his departure from the band "After Forever." Jansen wanted to create a classical/symphonic sound and by early 2002, Epica was formed.

The band consists of Mark Jansen (rhythm guitar/death grunts), Isaac Delahaye (lead guitar), Yves Huts (bass), Coen Janssen (synthesizer/piano), Ariën van Weesenbeek (drums), and is fronted by vocalist Simone Simons. Simons is a mezzo-soprano, and when she sings you are left in amazement and disbelief.

Two other metal bands also performed at the Palladium that night. From Montreal, Canada, the band "Blackguard" opened the show and managed to get a loud and positive response from the audience. "Threat Signal" from Hamilton, Ontario was next. The crowd appeared pleased with both opening bands, but they all cheered wildly when Epica finally took the stage.

Fans of European heavy metal or bands like "Evanescence" will find Epica to be a perfect addition to their music collections. Recommended tracks to download include "Cry for the Moon," "Tides of Time," and "Burn to a Cinder." Also, make sure to check out the band's latest album "Design Your Universe."

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

- 1. "Once I Had a Woman"**  
by Jimi Hendrix

"I always believed I was born in the wrong era... Jimi Hendrix is just awesome, effortless, natural."

- 2. "Winter Weather" by Squirrel Nut Zipper**

"This album is different than typical Christmas music... really reminiscent of Elton John."

- 3. "Irglora" by Glen Hansard**

"This song is from the movie 'Once.' It has a beautiful melody and it's about loving someone you can't have... what girl can't relate to that?"

- 4. "Knockin' on Heaven's Door"**  
by Bob Dylan

"This song is timeless! It's been recorded by many great rock bands. He was the voice of his generation."

- 5. "Lodi Dodi" by Snoop Dogg**

"This song is timeless! It's been recorded by many great rock bands. He was the voice of his generation."



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## Surrender your iPod

Compiled by Jordan Feeney  
and Miguel Taveras

A&E EDITOR/1851 STAFF

Walking with earphones in on campus is no longer safe. Students beware of being seen with your iPod. You may be asked to surrender and explain all...

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Senior Graphic Design major

Kevin Ganey →

Freshman Communication major



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- 1. "Come Together" by Aerosmith**  
"Aerosmith is one of my favorite bands... [They're] easily one of my favorite bands of all time. I enjoy their music very much."

- 2. "Absolutely Zero" by Jason Mraz**

"I don't really listen to this song at all, it just part of the album. I like music by Jason Mraz very much but just not really this song."

- 3. "Two Can Play That Game"**  
by Sam Lardor

"I like Irish folk because it's different and not many people listen to it."

- 4. "Wild Billy's Circus Story"**  
by Bruce Springsteen

"I've seen Bruce live twice and it was the greatest two shows I've ever seen in my entire life."

- 5. "Numb" by Linkin Park**

"Linkin Park is one of [my] favorite bands."



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## Top 10 Songs for Valentine's Day

By Katelyn Cross

1851 STAFF

"Always be my baby"  
Mariah Carey

"Down-Candlelight Remix"  
Jay Sean

"Crawl"  
Chris Brown

"I'll be"  
Edwin McCain

"All my life"  
KC and JoJo

"You and me"  
Lifehouse

"Baby I'm amazed by you"  
Lonestar

"This I swear"  
Nick Lachey

"Bless the broken road"  
Rascal Flatts

"Smile"  
Uncle Kracker

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# SPORTS

## PLAYER PROFILES

### CHEERLEADING Chantel Webson

By Mary Pavlu  
1851 STAFF



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Chantel Webson is a sophomore on this year's cheerleading team, a sport that comes naturally thanks to her fifteen years of gymnastics experience. Webson got involved to meet new people and be part of a group. "I also see it as a way of exercise and the closest thing to my former sport, gymnastics," she said. Although Webson has fun with her team, she thinks cheering at Lasell is "not taken seriously." She admits cheerleading is definitely something the school should improve, however she doesn't let it bring her down. Webson treasures every cheering experience, whether it is a practice, game, or competition.

Additionally, the early childhood education major is involved with Multicultural Student Union. Webson believes the words to describe her are, "kind, caring, friendly, a little weird, and all around just me."

Webson's primary musical taste includes reggae, hip hop, and, "anything with a good beat," she said.

### LACROSSE Chris Bulkley

By Brandon Chase  
1851 STAFF



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS BULKLEY

For the past two seasons, junior Chris Bulkley has been a consistent starter for the men's lacrosse team. This year, he will begin the season improved and ready to make a winning team again. "I'm not taking anything less than a league championship," he said.

Many members of the team were recruited the same year as Bulkley and he believes experience will be invaluable. He said, "We know what it takes to win."

Bulkley proved that statement with his statistics last season. In 15 games, the midfielder scored ten goals, contributed five assists and scooped up 25 ground balls. Those totals earned him the most improved player award last season.

He also excels in the classroom; in his freshman and sophomore years, he earned Pilgrim Conference All-Academic Team honors.

His favorite aspect of Lasell is its small size. "I am an individual here and not a number like you are at other big universities," he says.

Bulkley, a secondary education major concentrating in history, resides in Groton, CT. He has played lacrosse for six years and plans to enter the military after graduation, following in his father's footsteps. His favorite sports team is the New York Giants and his favorite athlete is Michael Jordan. For music, he listens to Lupe Fiasco and loves to chow down on Mexican lasagna.

## Former Laser takes on new role

By Zac Vierra  
1851 STAFF

The point guard of a basketball team is like an on-court coach. It's the job of the point guard to call out plays and run the offense. From 2005 to 2008 Dwayne Powell was the point guard for the Lasers.

Powell, a member of the new sports management master's program with a concentration on sports leadership, has taken on a new role with the Lasers.

During his playing days, Powell's teammates would joke about the idea of him becoming an actual coach, but, what was once a joke has become a reality. Now he's traded in his jersey and Nikes for a suit and a clipboard, taking on assistant coaching with his alma mater.

The idea of becoming a coach was first proposed to Powell by head coach, Aaron Galletta. After some thought Powell decided coaching was something he wanted to pursue. Powell said, "I wanted to give back to a program that had done so

much for me. From there on we had a few more talks and (Galletta) decided to give me the position."

One of Powell's strengths as a coach is his ability to relate to the players. "Many times players will approach me about certain situations they may not feel comfortable talking to coach Galletta about," he said.

Powell has become a valuable asset, especially to the younger Lasers. "Younger players come to me because I'm a former player...I know what [Galletta] expects out of his players on and off the court."

As important as advice can be, Powell thinks recruiting is another vital aspect to coaching. He said, "The greatest coach ever could work with players with not as much talent and make them look decent, but at some point you are going to need a strong recruiting class if you want to compete with the elite programs." Powell believes the most recent recruiting class

of freshman has great upside, especially if they stay together for four years.

Powell flourished on the court. He holds the record for most career assists by any Laser with 384. He also holds the record for most assists in a game with 13 against St. Joseph's in 2007 and is tied for most steals in a game with 8.

"Many point guards that I faced were smaller than me so I was able to use my strength against them," said Powell, who drew comparisons to LA Clippers star Baron Davis during his career.

In the future Powell wants to start basketball camps for kids. "I want to work with them on learning the fundamentals of the game because many times children idolize NBA players but don't fully understand what it took for them to get to that level."

Until then, he will continue his work as the assistant basketball coach.

## Volleyball victory

By Jordan Mayblum  
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's volleyball team displayed an impressive effort in their match against Albertus Magnus to start February. The Lasers improved to 5-2 on the season after shutting down the Falcons in three straight sets.

Micah Aiu led the Lasers with eight kills and recorded four aces, a season-high mark for the sophomore setter.

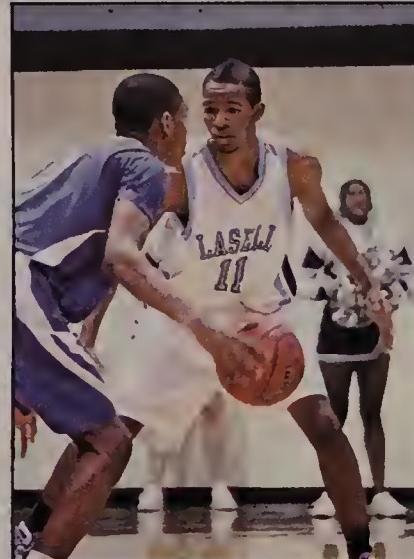
Fellow sophomore Brendan McGourn had six assists and a kill in the match. The Lasers had 6 attack errors compared to 13 by the Falcons.

McGourn added that the Lasers did a good job maintaining intensity, "we really played up to our full ability," he said. Lasell managed to build and maintain large leads in each set, preventing the Falcons from getting back in the game.

The Lasers were successful moving the ball around, compiling 34 total assists, 19 of which belonged to freshman outside hitter Will LeClerc. Lasell also dominated through serves, compiling 21 aces, including seven by junior middle hitter Dan Rogers.

Albertus Magnus was off-balance throughout the entire contest, failing to put together more than a few volleys. The most telling statistic of all, however, is the fact that 18 of the Falcons' 32 points came off of Lasell service errors.

With the win, the Lasers improved to 2-0 at home and the Falcons fell to 0-4 on the season.



PHOTOS BY KAYLEIGH ROBERTSON

(Above) Lasell cheerleaders pump up the crowd. (Below) Lasell basketball players (left) DeShawn Dell and (right) Justin Harris, during a recent game against Albertus Magnus.

## Season to remember

By Miguel Taveras  
1851 STAFF



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As Lasell entered its first official season of indoor track as an NCAA sport coach Larry Sullivan did not know what to expect. Lasell had been running indoor track as a club sport for two seasons and had set 26 school records for both men and women's track. Of those 26 records that were set after two seasons the men's and women's track teams have broken a total of nine records.

On the men's side, five new records have been set. Sophomore Isaac Montoya set a new record in the 55 meter hurdles with a time of 9.47. Freshmen Isaac Soares has been part of two new records; he has the 800-meter record with a time of 2:09, and ran a leg in men's distance medley relay. Freshmen Matthew Scully is the new owner of the one-mile record with a time of 4:47, and also took part in the men's distance relay. Senior Zach Lambert and freshmen Pat Slight make

up the other two legs of the distance relay that ran a superb time of 11:18. Senior Dave Walsh and Sophomore Ray Donis took part in the record breaking four by 800-meter relay along with Scully and Slight.

Four new records have been posted by the Lady Lasers. Cate Hart ran a best time of 9.74 in route to own the record for the 55-metre dash. Freshmen Maura Moody now owns the 55-meter-hurdle record with a time of 10.25. Sophomore Megan Missit broke the 3,000-meter record by running a time of 12:24. Junior Megan McCole ran the 400-meter-dash in 1:16 to become the new record holder.

With two more meets left to go in the season, the track team may still post more record breaking times.

A track team member hurdles during a meet.



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LASELL COLLEGE'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER

## Argotsinger, Granger promoted

**By Jordan Feeney**  
A&E EDITOR

As a student, you probably know Jenny Granger as the smiling blonde attending almost every CAB event. As faculty and staff, you definitely know Granger as the former Assistant Director of Student Activities. As of February 15, every member of the Lasell community recognized Granger for her promotion to Director of Student Activities and Orientation.

After former Director of Student Activities, Chad C. Argotsinger, took his new position as Director of Alumni Relations at Lasell, the search was on. Over 130 applications were submitted once the open position was advertised. The search committee in charge of filling the position was made up of Kaitlin DeLucia, Helena Santos, Jim Tweed, and David Hennessey, who served as the chair of the Committee. After months of searching, they found the perfect candidate right here on campus, Ms. Jenny Granger.

Not only is Granger to thank for the talented musicians, comedians and movies you see on campus, but she has also advised both first year and sophomore class committees. Granger has been an intricate part in orientation programs on campus and heads the selection, training and supervision of the Orientation Leader Staff.

The staff of the 1851 Chronicle would like to congratulate Jenny Granger for her well deserved promotion and next time you see that contagious smile and blonde hair, we hope you will too.



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## Couture for a cause

### Students strut for Haiti

**By Rachel Amiralian**  
1851 STAFF

March was a bit hotter than usual when the fashion show "Haute for Haiti" struck the stage in de Witt Hall on March 4th. Anne Valley, Associate Professor of Fashion, and the fashion promotion class created a fashion show benefiting Haiti earthquake relief as well as introducing the latest fashion trends.

"Haute for Haiti is a fashionable fundraiser striving to spread awareness for the people of Haiti left without the means to help themselves," Valley said.

It was a night of shopping, fashion, food, and drinks, all in true mock-tail style. Guests were invited to come early and explore tables that boutiques in Newton had setup. President Alexander's wife, Mary Barbara, opened the show welcoming everyone to this important night for the college community.

Juniors, Eliza Bronstein and Brianna Grady were the announcers for the night. The first model to hit the stage was draped in a beautiful sari made by Dr. Mary Ruppert-Stroescu, Chair of the Fashion Department. The next scene featured clothing from thrift store SecondTime Around which demonstrated that fashion is not to be sacrificed even in a rough economy. LF Stores boutique proved to have all a girl could need for the trendiest wardrobe. The collection was fabulous with beautiful fur vests and tops that would give any woman a fierce, new look. National Jean Company hit the catwalk proving they truly do have the right jeans for any body type. Lasell Alumni and students contributed their designs to the show.

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Designer Charles Neumann's origami design is just one of the many unique pieces showcased at the Haute for Haiti fashion show.

PHOTO BY SARA BROWN

## String of vandalism continues

**By Jordan Mayblum**  
SPORTS EDITOR



PHOTO BY KIMBERLY A. HOOPER

The Lasell College sign located on Woodland and Forest is now missing 13 letters after they were vandalized for the fourth time this year.

On at least four separate occasions this year, the Lasell College sign by East and West Halls has been vandalized. So far, one student has been apprehended in connection with the crime. Since then, however, the sign has been vandalized again.

The first wave of vandalism resulted in the removal of three letters but the most recent incident has resulted in the destruction and disappearance of 13 letters.

According to President Alexander, the student will be held responsible for all the damage to the sign prior to the most recent incident, unless the others are caught. In an email to the campus community, Alexander expressed a hope that people not only come forward, but also pay for the damage.

The sign, one of two brand new signs on either side of campus, cost roughly \$40,000. Alexander was adamant in stating that the vandalism will not be tolerated and that, "people should be more respectful," in regards to the community as a whole.

Lieutenant Ed Conlin of the Lasell Police Department said that damages to the sign amounted to roughly \$1,500 after the first wave. However, now that the sign is completely stripped of letters, damage costs are expected to increase dramatically.

[...] What happened to the sign is an act that should infuriate our entire community, and anyone with information should contact

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## Professors squished?

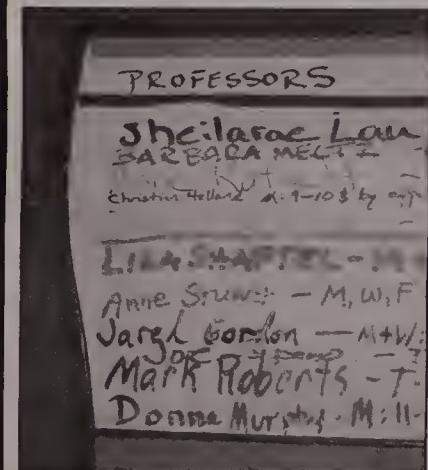


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**Editor's Column****Senior stress**

By Michelle McNickle

CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It really is that time of the year, and how I wish I were talking about Christmas time. But instead, I'm referring to the period where seniors are suddenly hit with the fact that graduation is right around the corner, and the real world is about to smack them right in the forehead. While some may say that it's only March, and we have plenty of time to apartment hunt and search for jobs, I pride myself on getting things done ahead of time. Yet, this happens to be the single most stressful time in my life, which I am coming to learn, is sufficiently hard to plan for.

I'll admit it. A few days before I sat down to write my monthly column, I was perched on my bed, blanket in one hand, and a pint of Butterfinger ice cream in another. I was essentially a blubbering hot mess (to steal the title of a pint-size fellow columnist of mine), all while skyping with my mother. Careerbuilder.com and Monster.com had suddenly embodied all my worst fears in the form of job-search web pages, and my longing to stay in Boston immediately come summer time was becoming like a distant dream.

Now, normally I'm good in stressful situations. Yet, the frustration stemming from beginning to job hunt, and the constant on-the-run human I have become this semester seemingly smacked me in the face all at once. And, while I initially am uncomfortable with being so open with my personal life in my column, I've realized that I am among many college seniors in this same position.

So often during their last semester of college, seniors like to take on as much as possible to finish their year strong. Although I hated to admit it, the six classes I was enrolled in were uncharacteristically being put on the back-burner, as I was, and still am, attempting to juggle not only the 1851 Chronicle, but an internship, part-time job, and some sort of a social life as well. The resulted lack of time dedicated to relationships and friendships, in and of itself, could have easily been the sole reason for my mini-breakdown.

So while the last thing I will do is claim that I magically solved all my issues with the impending future, I have come to terms with the fact that not everything is in my control. I am learning that the future will work itself out, but I will still work my hardest to accomplish my goals.

In the mean time, the only advice I can give, and what I keep having to remind myself, is to finish off the semester strong. That it's the immediate priorities and enjoying what little is left of senior year, that should be focused on. And, in due time, as our focuses shift from school-work towards the future, they should be fueled by excitement rather than stress.

**OPINION****Class dissatisfaction**

By Michelle McNickle and Sara Brown

CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As our time at Lasell winds down, it's easy to reflect on which classes have had the most impact on our educations and our futures. As journalism majors, it's the classes that stretched us as writers and taught practical elements of our proposed field that resonate. It's those dedicated and available professors, whom we've bonded with inside and outside the classroom, whose material and course work has come to be the most valued, and whose teaching methods stick with students. Despite the differing majors at Lasell, most students have these exceptional classes, due in part to Lasell's size and the dedication of its full-time faculty. Yet, while those exceptional classes will always be remembered, we have had dismal classes as well.

As college students, it is our responsibility to make our educations all that we want them to be. From class attendance to participation and overall eagerness to thrive in our majors, students are responsible for a large part of doing well. However, what happens when it's the professor whose teaching methods become a detriment to the class, that students' learning experiences are robbed? While we have had those exceptional classes, we have also had classes that we have wasted money on. Too often, these classes are taught by part-time, or adjunct professors.

From disorganized teaching methods to an unawareness of student struggles, some classes just don't meet our expectations. As students of one particular upper level class last semester, we have seen the disastrous outcome of professors who cannot communicate and who distribute disorganized syllabi. Others tell stories of instructors who are not prepared, often late, or fail to regularly show up for class. While the students in these classes often come together to voice their concerns, many find themselves frustrated, annoyed, and at the point of giving up on the course altogether.



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While students are left frustrated as a result of these types of courses, some can look to the ratio of full-time versus part-time professors as part of the problem. This is not only a problem at Lasell, but across the country where an increasing number of part-time faculty are now teaching college. Students are often not sure which professors are full-time or not but it seems that many professors are part-time and only come to campus for a few hours a week. Some adjunct professors seem so stressed with all the work that comes with teaching at multiple schools that it appears their minds are somewhere else when they are teaching at Lasell. As students, it's hard to connect with professors when it seems they have one foot out the door.

Of course, not every adjunct is the same. There are adjuncts who are 100 percent devoted to their classes and students at Lasell. However, looking back on all the dismal classes we've had they have unfortunately been

taught by adjunct professors. It's no secret, for instance, that 11 part-time professors share one office between them in the basement of Brennan Library. With such a condensed space, along with the lack of resources available to adjunct professors, it's natural to wonder how much ambition and energy they put into planning course content and classes. This difference is highlighted more so after thinking back to the classes we've had, and how the exceptional teachers have, for the most part, been employed as full-time professors.

Fortunately, President Alexander is addressing the issue and has pledged in his strategic plan to have 67 percent of all faculty be full-time by 2012. The college has added 10 new full-time professors in the past two years and 10 more full-time teachers will join us next fall. This is an important trend we hope will continue.

**The gym is open... or is it?**By John Bicknell  
NEWS EDITOR

During my first year at Lasell, I've found that a fun and easy way to meet people and make friends is through playing basketball at the gym. Open-gym time is essential for the student body to make friends and bond through teamwork and competition. However, there is a problem. The time available for non-student athletes to use the gymnasium is extremely limited. Most of the free time is during the morning and early afternoon, when many students have class and other commitments.

My friends and I frequently check the schedule inside the Athletic Center to see when there is open-gym. More often than not, the gym is booked all afternoon and night with practices for a variety of the 15 athletic teams at Lasell. Sometimes we will look at the schedule during the afternoon and find that the gym is open after 8 p.m. Then, two hours later the schedule has been updated and the

open-gym time has been replaced with a practice. At this time of year schedule changes happen largely due to weather and post-season play.

It's understandable that open-gym time is hard to come by. It's the only gym on campus, and when there are five or six teams that need to use it, open-gym gets the shaft. According to athletic director Kristy Walter, February is by far the busiest month of the year for the gym and time will clear up in the spring. However, I have some suggestions that may change the lack of open-gym time for next winter. First, instead of closing the gym at 10, the gym could be left open until midnight, and have 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. be available for student use.

Lasell administrators are strongly considering a second athletic facility in the near future. It would allow for year-long intramurals for all sports, and also split gym time more evenly between the sports teams and open-gym, but current students are out of luck because the target date for construction is four or five years away.

I know there are a large number of male students who will echo my plea to the athletic department and to administrators, to find more time in the schedule for open-gym. We all have a blast playing basketball together when the gym is open. We just wish it was open more often.

**CORRECTION**

Corrections have been made to the February article regarding the Lasell Charus. The course title is PER 101. The group meets from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesdays in Yamawaki. The charus has six returning members from last semester.

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## NEWS

# Fashion show a success

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The models featured an array of hats designed by students and inspired by automobiles on display at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline as well as pieces from current designers like Emily Brennan, Fallon Coster and Christian DiPietro.

The designers captivated the audience and showed that fashion is an art form. Alumni designers Katelyn Hammond, Emily Hancock and Nyndia Diligent featured their exceptional designs and success since graduating. The show closed with designs by Yolanda, a Boston fashion icon who donated her designs to the Wedeman Gallery located in the Yamawaki Gallery, April 5-16th, before her exhibit opens at the Museum of Fine Arts.

"I am very proud of the planning and organization efforts my students have put into producing such a meaningful event," said Vallely.

The show was truly a success and could not have been done without help from the community and workers in the Fashion Service and Society Group.

Senior Justine McComb said, "The Haute for Haiti fashion show tonight was such a great experience. I had such an amazing time working with everyone for this great cause. People from Lasell and the surrounding community were more than willing to volunteer and lend a hand however they could. The turnout was more than what we were expecting which is always an amazing feeling. This show went so well, hopefully people know it is just a hint of what is to come this spring."

# Woodland safety: Better late than never?

By Zac Vierra

1851 STAFF

New security measures have been put in place at Woodland Hall to make the building safer in wake of the recent robberies over winter break. Cameras have been installed in hallways throughout Woodland, and the doorknobs to all rooms have been changed so they stay locked at all times. Guards have been put on doors so they can't be unlocked with a simple item such as a credit card. All these measures have been put in place over the last month.

According to Lieutenant Edward Conlin of Campus Police, installing cameras in every dorm has always been the "master plan." Woodland was not originally going to be the first dorm to get cameras but Conlin said, "We moved Woodland up because of the larcenies." He said the cameras were installed around the first of February.

The doorknobs for all rooms at Woodland, which previously could be unlocked from the inside, have been removed and replaced with doorknobs that keep the doors locked at all times. "If you live in Woodland there is no way to keep your door unlocked without keeping something in it," said Conlin.

The guards on the doors consist of two pieces of metal that make it impossible to unlock and open a door by sliding a credit card between the door and its frame. Lieutenant Conlin urges students to come to Campus Police if they become aware of a flaw in the guards. Conlin said if Campus Police had known of the flaws in

**"What is the point?" asked Richie Saenz of Woodland room 102. "Nobody is getting their stolen things back."**

the old locks, they could have put the guards in and combated the problem earlier.

According to Marc Fournier, Assistant Director for Plant Operations & Sustainability, the new door knobs and guards were completed during the week of February 15th.

Most Woodland residents agree that installing cameras was a good idea. "I feel safer with the cameras," said Sam Awezec, who got a TV and power charger stolen from his room.

Not all the changes have been welcomed with open arms, especially with the fact that doors can no longer be unlocked. "It is irritating," said Awezec's roommate Billy Ritchie. Ritchie said that students should know how to lock a door on their own and that there is no need to have the doors lock automatically. Instead, Awezec and Ritchie have propped their door open with a boot when they are in the room, although a member of Campus Police told them not to prop their door, even with people in the room.

Some students think the new safety measures are too late. "What is the point?" asked Richie Saenz of Woodland room 102. "Nobody is getting their stolen things back."

The investigation of the larcenies is still ongoing. The length of the investigation will depend on Campus Police receiving new information about the case, said Conlin. He described the investigation as "disheartening."

"It is fairly clear that it was a member of the Lasell community that did this," said Conlin.

# Sign vandal caught

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us so that we can apprehend and take the appropriate action against the individuals responsible for it," said Lieutenant Conlin via email. "President Alexander stressed that the implications stretch beyond monetary value. He said the signs are very popular with all members of the Lasell community, and called these actions, 'an insult to our whole community.'"

Conlin added that the Police department is, "currently reviewing the security and surveillance systems at this location," in an effort to deter future incidents.

"We are following up on any and all leads that are received and using every means available to us to determine who is responsible for this act," said Lieutenant Conlin via email. "It is important that anyone with any information, no matter how seemingly insignificant they perceive it to be, contact us. If need be, students can do this anonymously[...]"

Sophomore Marie-Elise Bliss said, "It's disrespectful to our school and just really inconsiderate." She added, "whoever did it should confess[...]"

The investigation into this issue is ongoing but in the meantime the student who has been captured will be dealt with through the college judicial system, or the Newton courts if necessary. Students with any information are urged to come forward so that all of those responsible can be held accountable for their actions.

~With contributions from Sara Brown and Kimberly A. Hooper

# Lasell: Gender balanced?

By Alyssa Lusky

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Upon arriving at Lasell, many probably realized a few distinct characteristics about the school. First, the class sizes were small. Second, because of small classes, it may only take a few days for professors to learn names. Finally, some may have noticed that the male to female ratio in the classes was unbalanced, which has left many wondering, "where are all the guys?"

"The gender ratio is obviously uneven but I think most students don't seem to mind. There are more girls than guys in all of my classes, and in a lot of my classes, there may be only one other guy," said Adam Caporiccio, a freshman.

Lasell College was founded in 1851 when a dozen houses scattered the Newton area. However, it wasn't Lasell College at the time. Lasell began as

the Auburndale Female Seminary. The Seminary was founded by Edward Lasell whose wish was to start a women's college after teaching at another college in Western MA. Soon after, the college was then renamed Lasell Female Seminary.

Yet another name change came in 1932 when the college changed its name to Lasell Junior College. Still an all female population, the Fashion Merchandising Department and Fashion Design Department began to flourish and the college is still known for these programs. At this time, the college was only a two-year program.

57 years later, Lasell Junior College became a four-year school and changed its name to its current name. Eight years later, the college became co-ed in 1997.

Today, Lasell has grown considerably in all aspects. Even though it has been 13 years since becoming co-ed, Lasell has a reputation for still being a mostly female populated school. "I feel that the

gender ratio at Lasell is to be expected when fashion seems to be the most dominant major," said Aidan Watson, a sophomore.

Despite the broad range of majors and new sports teams, the numbers say it all. The current percentage of undergraduate female students is 67 percent, leaving only 33 percent of the undergraduate class as male students.

Although this seems completely unbalanced, the results are not surprising. Raven Taylor, in a NewsHour extra for PBS, completed a study called "Gender Gap 101" in 2002 that said 56 percent of the nation's college population is made up of women. This number would continue to rise and that, "within 10 years, three million more women than men could be attending college," Taylor said. In response to this statistic, Watson said, "I do find that sort of surprising but I have been hearing that it has been a rising trend over the last couple of years that there are more women in college now, so I guess I shouldn't be that surprised."

Taylor explains the high female numbers due to the "growing number of men seeking jobs in repair, construction, technology and other areas that often don't require a four-year degree but promise a good salary." Therefore, Lasell is not really behind in terms of statistics in the gender gap.

Keeping these statistics in mind and the fact that the college only became co-ed eight years ago, it's not surprising that Lasell does not have a higher percentage of male students. Shockingly, nearby schools share similar statistics. According to an email interview conducted by an 1851 Chronicle reporter, six local schools shared their statistics for comparison.

Babson College in Wellesley, is an exception to the similarity with a 43/57 percent female to male ratio. However, Babson is a business college and these results are not surprising for that field. Nevertheless, Endicott College in Beverly, and Curry College in Milton, share more similar ratios; each school has a 59/41 percent female to male ratio.

Think a larger school might have a more even ratio? Emerson College in Boston has a 60/40 percent female to male ratio. Coming a little closer to home, Mount Ida in Newton shares our same ratio and Brandeis University in Waltham, has a 56/44 percent female to male ratio.

Within each department at Lasell, the numbers vary. Some departments are heavily populated with female students whereas others are more balanced. According to Professor Mary Ruppert, the chair of the Fashion Department, between two to five male students from each grade are majoring in either Fashion Design or Fashion Merchandising.

"Since it's a big fashion school, it creates a lot of

competition inside the classroom as well as outside it. Majors like sports management are getting more and more popular though, so boys and girls are getting more even," said Amy Alessi, a sophomore.

In the Education Department, the numbers were similar. According to Professor Cathy Zeek, the chair of the Education Department, "over 90 percent of Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education students are female." Zeek said that a few more males join the department each year with the incoming classes, however the program is "very much weighted female." However, in the Secondary Education program, 67 percent of students are female and 33 percent are male.

The Honors Program at Lasell is, again, similar to the statistics that continue to show up within each department. According to Professor Stephanie Athey, director of the Honors Program, the program is densely populated with females over males "by a large portion." However, she also said that this is the case in almost all honors programs across the country. With that in mind, Professor Athey focuses on "working hard at recruiting more men" into the program. Athey focuses on making the men that are in the program more visible, and as a result, more male students join the program in the spring than they do in the fall.

Finally, the Athletic Training and Sports Science Department, which prepare students for a plethora of jobs after graduation, report more females enrolled in their major, although no percentages were given, according to Professor Haverty, the chair of the department.

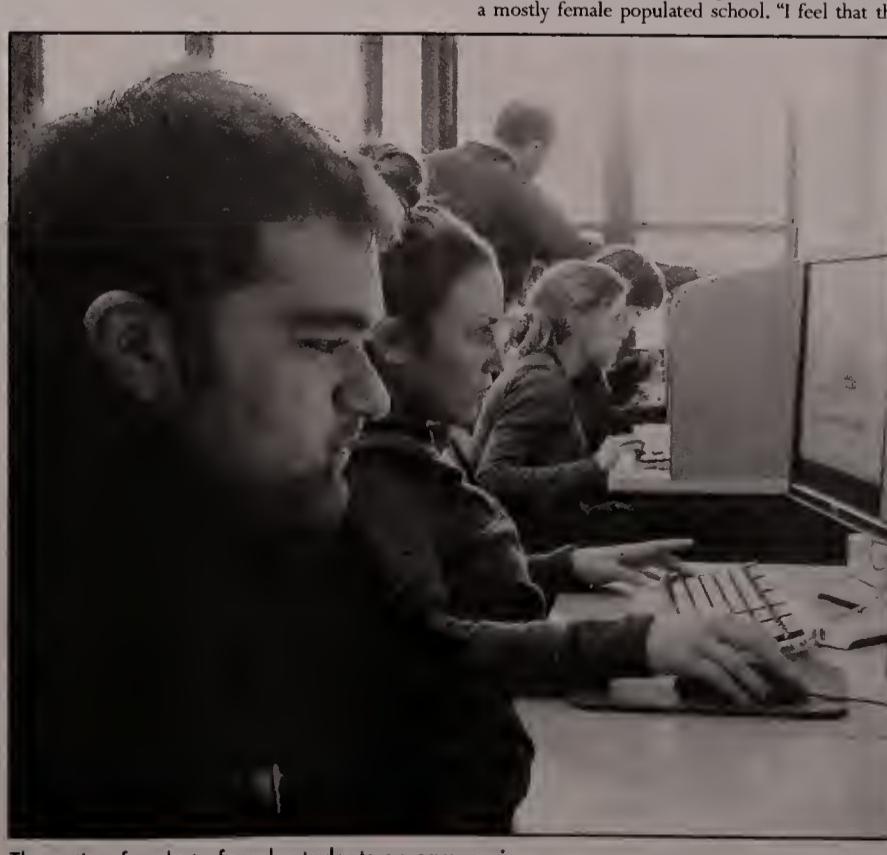
According to Christine Scafidi, the Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Lasell looks for a "holistic" student who shows promise in success at Lasell. "We're looking for a well-rounded individual," said Scafidi.

Partially in attempt of attracting more male students to Lasell, a baseball team was created in 2008. "Adding more programs for young men just seemed to be the next natural step," said Scafidi.

Scott Janz, a junior, said, "Well this is my third year here, and I've noticed that every year there has been more and more guys. I don't mind the ratio at all. It's understood that a lot more girls are here because the popular majors like fashion are so good."

When rising freshmen and transfer students arrive at Lasell for tours, a common worry is the population ratio. "It's one of our top questions," said Scafidi. Although this a major statistic and a big part of the college decision, Scafidi said that it's not surprising for more women to be attending college. "What families don't realize is that it's common," Scafidi said.

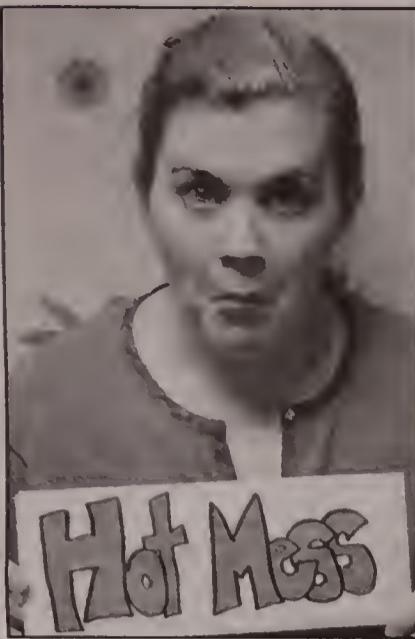
~With contributions from Sean Ruderman



The ratio of male to female students on campus is approximately 2:3.

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## FEATURES



By Deirdre McCombs

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When you are growing up, they tell you that you can be anything you want to be. In my fifth-grade class, when the teacher asked what we wanted to be when we grew up, answers ranged from teacher to football player to Henry Choi who wanted to be the fastest mail carrier in the world. No joke. I don't know where Henry is today but my guess is he gave up on his dream like most of us do. He may have found a new dream or just became focused on the one thing that gets in the way: money.

Many people I know gave up on their dream because of money or because they felt it was impossible. I'm here to tell you that nothing is impossible. If Henry wanted, he could have been the fastest mail carrier in the world. I understand that people change and so do their dreams, but what shouldn't change is the idea that we can be anything we want to be. Lately I have been struggling with the idea of staying in school. I felt like it was wasting my time and that I should be out there pursuing my love of standup comedy.

After many talks with friends and family I realized that I only had one more year to go and I've never quit anything in my life, so why quit now? My mother told me a story that really got me thinking. Her friend in college got a chance to pursue a singing career. She got an offer to do a demo in Canada but she stayed in school instead and now works in a cubical. My question is, why give up on your dream if anything is possible?

Do you want to be stuck in a job that you hate with a boss that you can't stand? Why not follow the dream, any dream? I am not telling anyone to drop out of school. However, what I am telling you to do is follow your heart. Think back to when you were a child, when anything was possible and remember that feeling of happiness.

This may not seem like a regular Hot Mess article. You are probably thinking that I became some sort of life coach like Oprah, just less of a goddess. Have no fear, the Hot Mess lives on. My life is still one big steaming hot mess.

Your dreams should be what make you get up in the morning to go to class or work. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't succeed. Write your goals down and keep them in mind every day. People may doubt your dreams but remember that you can do anything you put your mind to. Hard work and perseverance pays off in the end.

## The world at her fingertips

By Kimberly A. Hooper

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Junior Alisha Madkins, 23, talks about her personality, the importance of family and faith, and what it is like being at the same school where her father teaches.

**Q.** You have such a great personality, and you're always smiling. What keeps you going?

**A.** My personality keeps me going every day. I would say the way I grew up also contributes to my personality. I grew up in a very loving household with people constantly around me who were peaceful and caring. I have always been happy and I love being in a good mood.

**Q.** How important is family to you? What are some things you love about your family?

**A.** Family is number one. My mom, dad, and brother are my best friends. I talk to them about everything. They are always there for me and I can always count on them. I am fortunate to have them and they have helped me through some of the hardest times in my life.

**Q.** You transferred here from Texas. Out of all the schools you could have chosen, why Lasell?

**A.** I transferred here from Tarleton State University. The number one reason why I decided to come to Lasell is because I get free tuition. My dad is a professor here and saving my parents money is important to me. Number two would be the beautiful location. I am close to Boston and Newton is a nice area to live in. It is quiet and just big enough. Massachusetts is also known for great education.

**Q.** Your father is a Lasell professor. What is it like going to the same school as your dad?

**A.** It's cool. I think I enjoy the perks. Like I said, the free tuition is amazing. I have met many professors from all different departments and I don't think I would have had that opportunity if my dad wasn't here. He loves it here and that makes me appreciate what I have even more.

**Q.** Anything you don't like about it?

**A.** Well, I can't skip class because he would find out right away. At times, it can feel like high school all over again. He knows everything going on but I have learned to accept it. Having my dad teach here just pushes me harder to succeed and attend class and participate regularly.

**Q.** Your father is also a pastor. How important is it to support your father and family?

**A.** Supporting my father and family is important and easy. They have always been supportive of me, so supporting them is a no-brainer. We are a close family and we are there for each other no matter what.

**Q.** Does religion play an important role in your life? Why?

**A.** Yes, religion is important. It plays a role in my life all the time, everyday. I attend church regularly and support my dad. I think my strong beliefs have helped me get through difficult times in my life. I thank my dad for helping me believe even more.

**Q.** What is one of your greatest challenges as a student?

**A.** I have a hard time accepting errors. I am a perfectionist and when I make a mistake, I get mad at myself. I am very hard on myself no matter what the situation is. I am going to work on this and try to accept that I am only human and I can learn from my mistakes. Accepting my faults is a work in progress for me.

**Q.** What is one of your greatest strengths as a student?

**A.** Making friends. College is all about getting an education, but I also think making friends is big. It is good to have a shoulder to lean on.

**Q.** What do you hope to do once you graduate?

**A.** I would love to work in the entertainment field for a celebrity as a public relations representative. I love reading tabloids and I always try to stay informed with what is going on in the entertainment world.

**Q.** Who inspires you?

**A.** My brother definitely inspires me. Jeremy, 26, is the ideal person. He is an athlete and he is good at academics. He knows how to balance both worlds and I love him to death. He just got engaged and I can't believe it! I am so excited for him!

**Q.** Who has helped shape you into the person you are today?

**A.** It would be my brother Jeremy. I remember one time, when we were kids, I went with him and his friends and watched them play football. I remember running on the field and telling them that I would be a Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader and cheer them on. One of Jeremy's friends said I had cooties and I was too ugly to be a cheerleader. My brother stood up for me and beat the guy up. I love my brother for standing up for me. At that moment, I knew my brother loved me so much.

## Students step towards good health

By Briana Nestor

FEATURES EDITOR

The Health Center is sponsoring "Simple Steps to a Healthy Heart." The student who walks the most steps will win a Flip video camera. The contest runs from February 11 to March 9. The winner will be announced at the annual Health Fair on March 9.

The Health Center gave free pedometers to the first 100 students who entered the contest. In total, 85 students received

pedometers. 48 other students are participating without pedometers.

Students log onto <http://simplesteps-lasell.walkertracker.com> to record the number of steps they take each week.

"Students can track their miles and they're only required to log on once a week," said Jennifer Maloney, administrative assistant for the Health and Counseling

Centers. On the website, students can then compare their progress to other students' progress "per day or over the span of the contest," said Maloney.

Progress is based on honesty and students' pedometers and actual numbers they record on the website must match at the end of the contest.

"Don't cheat yourself. It's about good heart health and good physical health," said Ann Sherman, Director of Health Services.

The contest is currently open to students but the Health Center is considering opening it to staff and faculty next year, according to Sherman.

"It gets people thinking about physical activity and movement, and it's more fun," said Sherman. "Students develop more of an interest in physical activity and community building to garner enthusiasm for next year."

Ginna Giraldo, a freshman, said, "I think it would be wonderful to do this again next year. I enjoy it and I wanted to know how much I walk because I like to go on long walks."

Sophomore Aidan Watson joined the contest so he could estimate the distance he walks on campus every day. "I walk a lot, so by doing this, I could figure out the distance I walk on daily basis," he said.



Students participating in "Simple Steps to a Healthy Heart."

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# FEATURES

## SAD this winter?

By Kimberly A. Hooper  
COPY EDITOR

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that affects people at the same time each year. People often feel as though their energy is missing and their moods are changing from happy to down right miserable.

SAD usually affects people during the cold and dark winter months when the sun is out the shortest amount of time. Although, most people do not have SAD, it is important for students to pay attention to their bodies. Don't let the cold months in New England make you blue. There are treatments for SAD and depression and the Counseling Center is always open for students who have questions or concerns about depression.



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### A familiar face

By Brandon Chase  
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When it's late at night and students want to grab a bite to eat, they head to the 155° Grill in the Campus Center. Open until midnight seven days a week, the grill will serve anything from pancakes to cheeseburgers to buffalo chicken wraps. The workers are friendly to the students and one of the most well-known is Percy Huarí.

Originally a native of Peru, Percy has been working at Lasell since 2002. Lasell is a small school and because Percy is well-known by Campus Center regulars, one would think that he would be on a first-name basis with a good amount of students. However, he says it is not the case.

"Everyone gets the same service and treatment to make the service more enjoyable," Huarí says.

Outside of life at Lasell, Percy has a wife and two daughters, Blanca, 22 and Nandy, 18. His hobbies include woodworking and taking walks. Percy is one of many hard workers at the Campus Center, so the next time you stop by late at night to grab some grub, be sure to say hello or chat with him.

## Get over those winter blues

By Kimberly A. Hooper  
COPY EDITOR

Instead of sitting around all winter hibernating in your dorm, here are seven things you can do to get your blood flowing and your mind going even when the temperatures are below-zero.

1. **Join a club.** Clubs are always looking for new members and ideas.
2. **Read a book.** No, not a book on something you can't even pronounce, a book you will actually enjoy.
3. **Find time for yourself.** Put down your pen and paper and do something for YOU. Get a manicure, go for a walk, hang out with friends, grab some coffee. Do something that will make you feel better.
4. **Make a playlist.** iTunes allows users to make their own playlists from a music library. Make a fun playlist that makes you want to sing and dance your heart out.
5. **Work out.** Working out can boost energy and make you feel and look better. Go to the gym, take a walk, join a fitness session on-campus or dance in your dorm. Stay active this winter.
6. **Call or Skype a friend or family member.** Keeping in touch with friends and family is important when you are away from them for a long time. Take a few minutes to catch up and share a laugh.
7. **Bake something delicious and nutritious.** Baking can release stress and be fun. Find a great recipe and try it out with your friends.



By Sara Brown  
CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

Lasell is known for its stellar fashion design program. With that comes a reputation for having some of the most fashionable and fashion forward students on campus. I can say on numerous occasions I have walked down Woodland Road inspired by the daring clothing choices some students have made and rushed to the stores to fill my closet with the latest trends. However, there have been other times when I have tilted my head and thought, "huh?"

I have always lived under the fashion mantra that you don't have to show that much skin to look good. Being at Lasell for four years, I have learned that not every girl shares that belief, especially on Thursday nights. Now, every girl wants to feel sexy but there is a distinct difference between sexy and downright trashy.

With the erratic New England weather, one would think most would be covered up in fear of the next impending monsoon. I was surprised when I saw a girl in my class dressed in the ever-so-classy "booty shorts and Ugg boots" look while it was pouring outside. Not only was I confused, but I felt surprisingly overdressed for a math class.

This is not just a Lasell problem; it's a female gender problem. Many girls are under the misguided impression that they need to be revealing to be considered sexy or beautiful. Well, I am here to dispel that myth. While many might think, big deal, if a girl wants to wear a belt as a skirt, what's the worst that can happen? She gets a cold?

Dressing provocatively can hurt not only her immune system but her reputation as well. While we all preach, "don't judge a book by its cover," the truth is, we do and a person's wardrobe is a big factor on how we judge someone. Dressing risqué looks like you don't respect yourself and if you don't respect yourself, then why should anyone else?

It is not surprising that what girls view as sexy is eschewed. Look at the culture we live in. Skin is in. The starlets that get the most attention are the ones that show skin. No wonder this translates into the wardrobes of everyday girls.

All of this can be said for guys as well. Memo to every guy out there: pull up your pants! As awesome as it is to see your Bugs Bunny boxers, my eyes could have gone without that sight. People are making assumptions about your character based on your wardrobe as well, so be conscious of it.

At the end of the day, fashion is only a fun avenue to express your personality. Wear what makes you feel comfortable. Still, be mindful of the fact that what you wear says a lot about the person you are or the person you are not.

## Where are you going on spring break?

Compiled by Michelle McNickle, Sara Brown, Briana Nestor, Alyssa Lusky and Kayleigh Robertson

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### HUGH MCINTYRE, 20

"I might be going to [Washington] D.C. When I go, I'm usually rushed, so I don't have time to go to the Smithsonian."



### CHRISSEY PURINGTON, 20

"Spring Break is going to be amazing. I'm going on the Egypt trip with Professor Dewar. Egypt is somewhere I thought I'd only read about and I can't believe I'm actually going and seeing all these places for real."



### BRETT WALBERG, 20

"I'm going to England to play soccer and travel. My team, Bovy Tracy, is going all over England, but the team is from Plymouth."

### TRICIA CULVER, 22

"Going to Fort Myers Florida to kick off our 2010 Softball season. Go Lasers!"



### ALICIA DEILY, 19

"The Alternative Spring Break this year is to Las Vegas, Nevada where we will be working with the homeless youth. We will work to



### JOSHUA MARTINEZ, 21

"I'm going to Florida; I'm going for spring break. I want to go to Disney World... I haven't been in a long time."

learn more about the issues affecting young people who end up homeless.

### ASHLEY LATHAM, 21

"I'm going to Foxwoods. I need a getaway; me, my mom and my best friend."



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Dear Rachel

By Rachel Amiralian

1851 STAFF



**Dear Rachel,**  
I've been hooking up with this boy on and off for about eight months now. I really like him and it's frustrating because he's so "back and forth." Sometimes he acts as if he really likes me and other times he acts like he doesn't

want anything to do with me! He tells me he doesn't want a girlfriend right now because he's so busy but I'm hoping if I stick around long enough and show him how much I care, he will change. What do I do?

Signed,  
Hoping for a Change

### Dear Hoping for a Change,

The first thing you need to realize is that we cannot change boys. The only person that will make a guy change is himself. When it comes down to it, he's not going to change unless he wants to! Right now may just not be the right time for him to be in a relationship, or maybe he never will want to be in a relationship. Is it really worth it to wait around for him when the majority of time he makes you feel bad about yourself? The answer is no. No boy is worth any amount of any girl's time if all he does is bring her down. Don't waste your time with someone who isn't treating you right and giving you what you need. You should be with someone who wants to be with you all the time, not just when it's convenient for him. Take the time to look at yourself as a whole and realize how amazing you are. Learn to love yourself through your best and your worst because then you will see that loving yourself allows you to settle for nothing but the best.

xoxo  
Rachel

**Dear Rachel,**  
I'm struggling because I am a curvier woman and I have never felt pretty. All I see are really skinny girls in the magazines and I can't help but feel like that is how I should look. It's even harder when you go to fashion school. I have never felt very feminine and really wish I could. I'm not sure how I should dress. Please help.

Signed,  
Curiously Curvy

### Dear Curiously Curvy,

Oh honey, curves is the word! Not only should you embrace your curves but show them off because there is nothing sexier than a woman with a figure. Follow these five commandments and you will be the fabulous, curvy woman that I know you are!

1. Live in A-line skirts and empire waist dresses. They will look absolutely fabulous.
2. Live in heels. Heels will lengthen your legs and do wonders for your shape.
3. Jersey - the material, not the shore. This will hide your bulges and accentuate your curves.
4. Keep it classy, ladies. With a fuller figure it is easier to let more hang out. V-necks are great because they'll show off your fuller chest without giving away too much.
5. Confidence is key. This is the most important commandment. With the right attitude and confidence, you have the ability to pull almost anything off!

Remember that we all come in different shapes and sizes and being comfortable in your own skin is easily the most attractive trait a woman can have!

xoxo  
Rachel

## Green Day's broadway debut, not a dream come true

By Brian Yezpez  
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Cast of American Idiot performs on Broadway.

I'll tell you what you get when you cross a grotesquely commercialized band with the powerful jaunty tunes of a rock-opera. It comes out as the worst idea since the Beatles were bigger than Jesus and the utter debacle known as Destiny's Child. In other words you get Green Day's highly anticipated "American Idiot" on Broadway. Yes, Broadway: the host of major classics and new classics such as the Tony Award-winning "Movin' Out" with music by Billy Joel. Not only have the former punk rock giants lost any semblance of actual musicianship, they have successfully entered into a role completely unsuited for them.

The kings of 'never selling out' now have enough time and money to create a rock-opera with themes like war, love, and being an outcast. Doing so has only made them take a turn for the worse. Green Day has ruined their dynamic as a band. Freeze-

frame on what it is like to be an outcast. Billy Joe Armstrong, the primary songwriter, has not only ruined this band but has completely lost touch with even their diehard fans. Take everything from Green Day's 2000 album *Warning* back to their debut *1039/Smoothed Out Slappy Hours*, and you have a fantastic gauge of what the band was capable of. However, everything to come afterwards has been a burning pyre of disappointment. *American Idiot* along with their most recent and pointless release *21st Century Breakdown* claim to be concept albums. Concept albums are meant to deal with characters to be developed, a story to unfold, or a problem to be solved all by the time you are done spinning the record. All of this begs the question, who cares?

I have heard every argument to the contrary in defense of their latest releases and none have held water. One: both albums

suck. Two: if you're defending these albums it's probably because you don't have anything better to do; get a hobby. And three: if you started listening to Green Day when *American Idiot* came out then you have no idea what good Green Day is. Was it the bleeding heart on the cover which caught your emotional attention and idealized your teenage angst? Do you really think the heart grenade represented your lovelorn struggles and your desire to be rid of those feelings so badly, yet you can't bring yourself to pull the pin? Please, there is enough crap on the radio today and I'd prefer Broadway to be a haven for creativity as opposed to a street littered with absurdities.

Not only has Green Day ruined themselves, they have now completely been removed from what made the band great to begin with. What happened to the Billy Joe who was paranoid, delusional, and a unique songwriter? The music which made Green Day stand out was the short powerful tunes made for the struggling teenager dealing with life on life's terms. The 1994 album *Dookie* was a beacon of hope for the likes of thousands of teens. Granted, targeting depressed teenagers is like walking through automatic doors, it's simple and effective but at least at the time it was honest. It was all something relatable; something the average teen could latch onto giving them a way to feel less messed up.

Green Day has been twisted and warped to the point of no return. "American Idiot," the musical, is proof of this. Blame it on the band becoming more mature with their songwriting if you will, but I say no. I remember watching "Behind the Music" about Green Day years ago and I listened to Billy Joe when he said, "If you ever walked up to me and told me I sold out, I'll punch you in the face." What happened to the cut throat attitude, the need not to conform? Billy Joe's need to "...get on his bike and move forward..." has sent the once prominent musicians over the edge.

Green Day's musical "American Idiot" has become a shining beacon for a new generation. This generation has been diluted with commercialized intentions and now the business of Green Day is raking in loyal followers. Consider this to be me flexing my journalistic muscles here when I say, Green Day broke my heart and yes they have completely sold their souls out. Know your enemy; it happens to be Green Day.

## Johnny Cupcakes bakes up business talk

By Christina Annicelli

1851 STAFF



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Are you a fan of Boston's own Johnny Cupcakes? Are you interested in entrepreneurship? If so then you're in luck. The Johnny Cupcakes himself (Mr. John Earle) is coming to campus to speak about his inspiring rise to the top of the fashion world. Developing a multimillion dollar business out of nothing starting at the age of 19, Mr. Earle will speak about his experiences in business and marketing and what it takes to be successful. Also, Johnny Cupcakes merchandise will be available for purchase with cash only. In addition, there will be a question and answer session and a meet and greet. If you want to meet a Boston fashion legend and get inspired come to de Witt Hall on March 30th from 7-10 p.m.

## Vampire Weekend

By Jordan Feeney

A&E EDITOR

In Vampire Weekend's case it seems most critics either love them or hate them. If you hated their self-titled debut, you're going to hate *Contra* just as much. *Contra* seems to find a new way to do the same thing, which is often the case when compiling a sophomore album. Released Jan. 11 of this year, *Contra* begins with *Horchata*, a song paying perfect homage to Vampire Weekend.

As the album plays on, differences begin to accumulate. Not only is *Contra* tighter and more fluent than Vampire Weekend, it's also brighter and faster. Each song is still a story about preppy Cape Cod summers and their freckled lovers lost, but now there seems to be more consistency. Every song on *Contra* follows the Vampire Weekend recipe: soaring falsettos, windswept, and lighter-than-air melodies with reggae and electro accents.



Members of Vampire Weekend.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## “Shudder” Island

By Miguel Taveras

1851 STAFF

Shutter Island is a film by Oscar-winning director Martin Scorsese, starring Oscar Nominated Leonardo DiCaprio as Teddy Daniels and Mark Ruffalo playing Chuck Aule. The film begins with the two U.S. marshals are sent to a barren island off the coast of Massachusetts to investigate a mysterious disappearance of a murderer from the island's prison-like hospital for the criminally insane.

I believe it's safe that this film has had a lot of mixed reviews. After asking most of my classmates who have seen the film, I have found that you either like the film or you don't. As it is a Scorsese film, I feel that you would have to like past Scorsese films in order to enjoy Shutter Island.

Technically masterful and chill ripping fear through and through, the tension in the film rattles you in your seat from start to finish. The film is one that needs to be seen from start to finish, do not take a bathroom break for this one. The entire plot like many Scorsese films leads to an ultimately shocking ending that will leave you talking for days.

## Friday Night Lights shines on small screen

By Kimberly A. Hooper

COPY EDITOR

Just like the popular movie “Friday Night Lights,” the television show has captivated audiences of all ages and made them understand what it is like to live in a town that eats, sleeps, and breathes football. “Friday Night Lights” takes place in the small fictional town of Dillon, Texas and follows the lives of the Dillon High School Panthers football team.

Head football coach, Eric Taylor (Kyle Chandler), is the star and the show follows his family and their lives in Dillon. Coach Taylor is dedicated to his family and his job, and always wants the best for everyone around him. Taylor is a strict coach and expects his players to persevere and excel on the field.

The way the show is filmed makes the audience feel as though they are right there with the cast. With four seasons filmed, the cast of “Friday Night Lights” has become a strong family and everyone who watches the show sympathizes with the characters and roots for the Panthers with passion. The show is realistic and everyone wishes their high school had as much school spirit as Dillon. It is definitely hard to compete with the Panthers.

Coach Taylor's wife, Tami Taylor (Connie Britton), is the principal of Dillon High and strug-

gles with a community that wants their money to go to the football program before academics. Although Tami loves football and supports her husband, she has a difficult time persuading Dillon residents to support the school academically.

Coach Taylor's daughter, Julie Taylor (Amy Teegarden), is a student at Dillon High and she survives high school while having her mother as principal and father as coach. Julie is a smart young woman and has an on and off again relationship with Panther's quarterback, Matt Saracen (Zach Gilford). Julie is often seen arguing with her parents about curfews, boys, and school.

The Dillon High football players battle with the normal aspects of teenage life and they also deal with the never-ending demands of a football-obsessed town. Friday night games consist of a packed stadium with exciting energy throughout town.

The third season was packed with more drama than ever and left viewers wondering where Coach Taylor and the senior players would end up during the fourth season.

“Friday Night Lights” which films mostly in Austin, Texas, is set to air its fourth season sometime in April 2010. The show will turn the lights out after the fifth season which will air in 2011.

## Boy meets world

By John Bicknell

NEWS EDITOR



Sometimes when I'm walking around campus, I forget where I am. I know where I am geographically, but I forget what La-Sell is known for, which would be its fashion program. Sometimes I look around at the diverse clothing that

people wear, and I'm amazed. Some of it is cool; some of it is strange, but for the most part, it's all interesting to me. Fashion is a powerful tool that some choose to use and others don't. A lot can be said about a person from how they dress and present themselves. There are numerous amounts of fashion styles that people wear from day to day, and I've classified some of them in my own terms.

When I see someone who matches from head to toe, and their kicks match their hat, I automatically think, “Okay, this guy/girl is fresh. Fresher than I'll ever be.” Being “fresh” is a style in its own, and it apparently takes time (and money) to be fresh. So next time you see someone with a nice matching outfit, please respect their fresh.

Then I see kids who like to wear what I call the “lazy scrub” style. It consists of sweatpants, a hoodie, some beat up sneakers, and of course the “I just rolled out of bed” hair. Sometimes I find myself looking like a lazy-scrub, but I don't consider that a bad thing. It's a comfortable way to go about your day. You can also work out in it, even though that totally contradicts the lazy-scrub title, but that's okay.

There's the “athletic” style, which is when athletes wear their matching pants and zip-ups, which also look extremely comfortable. Also, the “I'm a fashion major, can't you tell?” look. It's probably the most versatile look because people who are fashion majors have a wild sense of creativity when it comes to mixing and matching clothes, and sometimes results in some interesting outfits that definitely show how unique and imaginative they are.

Finally, there is the style that has changed the face of women's pants forever. It's the style that makes men on campus, and all over the globe, thankful for fashion innovations. Of course I'm talking about leggings, the pants that can make any girl look like the lower half of Kim Kardashian. Leggings are the greatest invention in women's fashion since the thong and have gained huge popularity over the past year. I would have to estimate that about 75 percent of females on campus wear leggings regularly. It is by far the most popular piece of clothing on campus for women to wear, and for men to see.

Fashion styles come and go. Today we have leggings and scarves, who knows what will be popular a year from now? The important thing is to recognize the power that fashion has. So take it from a regular guy who knows nothing about fashion: Let your style be a reflection of your personality.

## Surrender your iPod

Compiled by Jordan Feeney  
and Miguel Taveras

A&E EDITOR/1851 STAFF

Walking with earphones in on campus is no longer safe. Students beware of being seen with your iPod. You may be asked to surrender and explain all...

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nation of Iraq. The documentary delves into the difficulties the band encounters every day, trying to play music in a war zone. Acrasicauda was forced to leave the Middle East after they started receiving death threats from angry Islamic groups. They then became refugees and relocated to Damascus, Syria and later Turkey.

Despite being from the Middle East, all the band's songs are in English and sound very similar to Metallica, whom Acrasicauda draws a lot of their inspiration from. The band was later granted temporary refugee status in the United States and currently live in New Jersey. There, they continue to work on their music.

The band's first album entitled “Only the Dead See the End of War” is set for release this March, but if you're still unsure about Acrasicauda, check out some of their older songs on YouTube.com. Give the tracks “Garden of Stones,” “Massacre,” “Between the Ashes,” and “Underworld” a listen. For more information on the band, you can also check out the documentary “Heavy Metal in Baghdad.”

I first came across Acrasicauda after seeing them in the documentary “Heavy Metal in Baghdad,” which followed the band around their home



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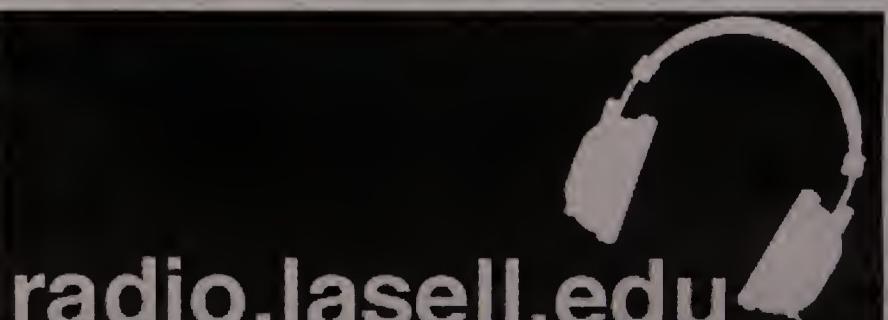
## Middle East metal

By Brian Cotnoir

1851 STAFF

When you think of the music genre “Heavy Metal,” bands like Black Sabbath, Pantera, Otep, and Metallica probably come to mind. But, a heavy metal band from Iraq? You better believe it! Acrasicauda is a thrash metal band originally from Baghdad, Iraq. Acrasicauda, or “the black scorpion” in Latin, consists of Faisal Talal (lead vocals/rhythm guitar), Tony Aziz (lead guitar), Firas Al-Lateef (bass), and Marwan Riyad (drums).

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# SPORTS

## PLAYER PROFILE

### BASKETBALL Charles Horton and Katie Farr

By Jordan Mayblum  
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"Love and Basketball" is more than just a movie now. At Lasell, it plays out in real life, with juniors Katie Farr and Charles Horton. They've been dating for almost a year now and basketball is what brought them together and keeps them together.

According to the couple, the other is always there offering tips on how to improve. "The criticism sucks sometimes, but it also helps," Farr said. In addition to discussions about their games, they also like to play each other from time to time, though Farr says a majority of their time on the court together consists of her rebounding for him while he shoots.

Fortunately for the two of them, they're able to agree on whose better. "I'll have to give that one to Charles," she said. However, she added, "I like to think I'm better sometimes."

When the two have met one-on-one, Horton usually emerges victorious, but Farr, a native of Rindge, New Hampshire, pointed to one instance where she beat him at the buzzer. However, Horton insists that she traveled prior to the game winning shot.

Horton, a native of Detroit, Michigan has been playing basketball since the age of eight and despite his roots, claims his favorite basketball team is the Cleveland Cavaliers. Farr on the other hand first started playing when she was five. Her favorite basketball team is the Los Angeles Lakers, but she says that she often roots for the same teams as her boyfriend.

Besides basketball, both Horton and Farr have experience with other sports. Horton was a running back in high school and played baseball, while Farr played soccer and was a member of her high school track team. Horton said he gave up baseball because it was, "too boring," while Farr's career in other sports ended because there's too much running and risk of injury involved.

In their free time, they enjoy a variety of things. Horton spends plenty of time playing video games like Madden and FIFA soccer, while Farr enjoys taking naps, in addition to shooting around.

Loving for each other and the game isn't all that they have in common. Though they may agree Horton is the better player, their numbers for the year are pretty close in some categories. Farr averaged 3.6 rebounds per game this season compared to Horton's 2, while he averaged 13 points per game to Farr's 10.

## Simmons spoils senior day

By Zac Vierra  
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Simmons College spoiled senior day for the Lasell women's basketball team on February 20th by beating the Lasers 75-42. Sophomore Jessica Thomas led the Sharks with 21 points in the victory.

Before the game, Lasell's lone senior, Tricia Culver, was honored with flowers. Culver, a native of Northampton was a starter during each of her four years as a Laser.

Fittingly on senior day, Culver scored the first four points for the Lasers giving them an early 4-2 lead. It was the only lead Lasell would have all day.

Thomas dominated from behind the arc. Her fourth three-pointer in four attempts gave

the Sharks an early 20-9 lead. Thomas would end up hitting her first six three-point attempts.

Simmons ended the first half on a 12-2 run bringing the score to 38-17 at the break.

Culver led the Lasers in scoring with 13 points in her final game. Reagan Brackett had 9 points for Lasell.

Simmons' effort was bolstered by Stephanie Fox and Julianna Eagles who had 13 points and 11 points respectively.

The defeat was the final game of the season for Lasell. They finished the season with a record of 7-18.



PHOTOS BY KAYLEIGH ROBERTSON

Lane senior women's basketball player Tricia Culver receives hugs and flowers from fellow teammates during Senior Day. The girls played Simmons College at home and finished the game with a score of 75-42.

## Saints take game

Miguel Taveras  
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The men's volleyball team lost to their arch rivals, The Emmanuel College Saints for the second time this season. The Saints began the game by taking a two set lead (30-26, 30-26) and after losing the third set (30,27), held off the Lasers to win in the fourth set (30-27).

The Saints set the tone early, gaining momentum and maintaining it throughout. In the first set, the saints went on runs of 6-2 and 4-0 before ending the set on a 4-1 run.

The second set was a closely played one. The biggest lead either team had was by four. Towards the end, Lasers were up 25-24 but after a timeout the Saints went on to finish the set on a 5-1 run.

The Third set was one that was very much

back and fourth. The Lasers began the set in great shape getting up to a 20-16 lead. However, after coming out of a timeout the Saints came roaring back and tied it up at 27-all. A Saints error allowed the Lasers to take the set, 30-27.

The fourth set also was hotly contested. The Saints began the set with a 9-3 run and jumped ahead 22-12 early on. The Lasers did not let the deficit get to them; they went on a 9-0 run to close the gap. The rally fell short, however, as the Saints took the final set 30-27.

The Lasers have not lost a game since. They have won four in a row beating three in-conference teams. The Laser record currently stands at 13-5.



Lasers' basketball captain Sean Jaynes, 22 and a senior, works a women's basketball game with fellow teammates Javon Xavier Williams, Brett Heimann, and Charles Hartan. "[We're] not just basketball players," said Jaynes. "We're student workers."

PHOTO BY KAYLEIGH ROBERTSON

## The Window Seat

By Jordan Mayblum  
SPORT EDITOR



Living in Rockwell has its advantages. You get your own bathroom, it's air-conditioned during warm weather and it's convenient to most places on campus. The biggest advantage though, from a sports writer's perspective anyway, is the view

of the Grellier Field, home to practices for many of Lasell's spring sports teams.

The view from my window provides an in-depth look into what the sports scene is going to be like this spring. So far the men's and women's lacrosse teams, baseball, softball and rugby have all taken to Grellier Field in anticipation of the season ahead.

Just as the Red Sox are preparing for the season in Fort Myers, the Lasers baseball team is getting ready to take the field for their second season as a varsity sport. Though their 10-24 record in their inaugural season isn't something to write home about, there's cause for optimism going forward. The Lasers' struggles last year can be pinned primarily on pitching woes, as well as struggles on defense.

The Lasers are going to look for their ace, sophomore Mike Mahoney, to continue to be a leader on a staff that posted a collective ERA of 9.41 last season. Mahoney was 3-2 with a 4.42 ERA last season, by far the best on a very young team. However, the first step to improvement, much the same as the Red Sox approach, is improving the defense behind the pitchers.

If you haven't seen the men's lacrosse team practicing, you've at least heard them right? That's because they have something to prove this year after a lackluster 2009 campaign in which they missed the playoffs for the first time in three years. They've been working hard towards getting back into contention, with practices taking place at all hours of the day.

Look forward to more reports from the window seat, especially as lacrosse season begins. Unfortunately, once the baseball season starts, this seat is no longer the best in the house, meaning that some traveling will have to be done to see the games. Either way, you now share the view from the window seat as we head into the spring sports season.



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LASSELL COLLEGE'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER

## Alice Bonnie: friend or foe?

By Kimberly A. Hooper  
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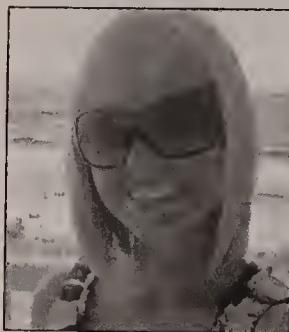


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Lasell students might have received a "Friend Request" from a smiling blonde named Alice Bonnie over the past few weeks, but just who is she?

Bonnie's Facebook profile says she is graduating from Lasell in 2010 and enjoys things like "making a fool of myself to make others laugh," "sleeping," and "dancing." Bonnie is also interested in boxing, Tai Chi and field hockey among other things. Some of her favorite TV shows are George Lopez, Comics Unleashed and Merlin. She seems like a somewhat normal college student, right?

Think again. Recently, students at Lasell have been speculating that Alice Bonnie is not a Lasell student...or even a real person. In fact, some students think Bonnie is either someone playing a prank or an undercover police officer.

It was found through research that Cavan Bonzey, who graduated from Dean College in 2008, received a "Friend Request" from a girl who went to Dean named Denise Lori. Even though he had no idea who she was, he accepted it thinking it was just another student he attended school with. "I received a friend request and I accepted it but I wasn't sure who it was," said Bonzey, who is now currently attending Worcester State College.

What makes this story even more interesting is the fact that Lori and Bonnie have almost identical profile pages on Facebook. Even though their pictures are different, they enjoy most of the same interests, activities, music, TV shows, movies, books and quotations in the exact same order. Friends cannot write on either of the students' Facebook walls, and they each have an album with four pictures of only themselves titled either "Me" or "Ma Pics."

John Bicknell, a Lasell junior who transferred from Worcester State, said, "there was the same type of thing happening in the Worcester State network: an attractive girl with only one picture and no information friend requesting everyone in the network. It just seems a little odd to me."

On the Lasell email server, Microsoft Office Outlook, when someone sends a new message they are able to "check" the name of the recipient to verify the name exists in the system. Every student is granted an email upon accepting admittance to the college. When checking the names "Alice" and "Bonnie" the names together do not match in the system. Even if "Bonnie" was Alice's middle name, it would still show in the system.

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## Cupcake talk entices students

Founder Johnny Earle gives popular presentation

By Christina Annicelli  
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On Tuesday April 30th in De Witt Hall at 7 p.m. dozens of students lined up at the doors in anticipation of seeing fashion legend Johnny Earle, better known as Johnny Cupcakes. Fashion students and business students waited in anticipation for the speaker. The room was dark with the giant Johnny Cupcakes logo glowing on a massive projector screen. An array of Johnny Cupcakes merchandise was also displayed in the back corner.

The room was pitch black and the silhouette of Earle himself appeared on stage. He began talking as if he knew everyone in the audience for years. Earle immediately gave notice that the lecture would be lengthy, but only because he wanted to pass on all of his knowledge about starting a business. He spoke about his humble beginnings in the business world and how the "Johnny Cupcakes" brand came to be. Earle told humorous anecdotes, one being that he sold more candy than the school store when he was younger.

Earle always had an interest in starting a business, but no guidance. So, he began working at Newbury Comics in Braintree, Mass. He had many nicknames at work, such as "Johnny Appleseed," "Johnny Come Lately," and "Johnny Cupcakes." One day, he made a T-shirt to wear to work that said "Johnny Cupcakes." Eventually, Earle began receiving requests for his shirts because people thought they were funny.

Earle explained how he sold his T-shirts and made more money than working at Newbury Comics. "I would have to pretend to go to the bathroom to sell t-shirts out of my car," he said.

Earle then continued to talk about the beginnings of his company and the opening of his first shop in Hull, Massachusetts. He was in a band and would wear his shirts to shows and sell them, too. It was free advertising, which he said played a

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(Top) Johnny Cupcakes founder Johnny Earle spoke to students about entrepreneurship.  
(Bottom) Students gather in deWitt Hall.

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## Second Annual Law Enforcement Roundtable

By Briana Nestor  
FEATURES EDITOR

Members of various government agencies spoke about their involvement in the War on Terror at the Second Annual Law Enforcement Roundtable, "The War on Terror from a Multi-Agency Perspective."

Presenters included agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service.

"We're a single-mission agency. The biggest push for us right now is the Mexican border," said an agent from the Drug Enforcement Administration, or DEA. The agent from the DEA also addressed drug trafficking in Afghanistan.

The agent also spoke about drug trafficking trends that the DEA combats, such as illegal drug shipments in New York. "There are very few [illegal drug] shipments that come into Boston that then go to New York. Boston can't compare to New York," said the DEA agent.

Jeremy Yamin of the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service spoke about passport fraud, identity fraud, international investigations and protective intelligence investigations. "Our embassies have been getting bombed for years," said Yamin of the dangers the Diplomatic Security Service faces.

Yamin also addressed how the Diplomatic Security Service trains foreign S.W.A.T. teams using American techniques "so they can work their cases in their countries." According to Yamin, the Diplomatic Security Service has 1,800 agents and 415

engineers, technicians and couriers.

Eugenio Marquez, an agent from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, showed a short video that described the ATF's role in the War on Terror.



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## Ticketed!

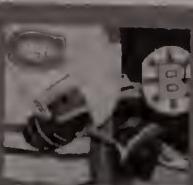
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What they do outside the classroom

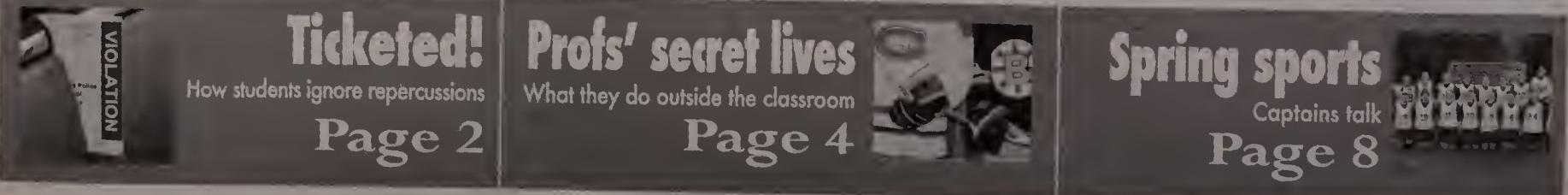


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## OPINION

### Editor's Column

## Inevitable senioritis

By Michelle McNickle

CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

So while I'm well aware that my column last month focused on the woes of being a senior, I figured I'd might as well continue on my trend of life during my last year of college. However, while I'm now slightly calmer and have a plan for the immediate future, there is still one obstacle between me and graduation: a colloquial term entitled "Senioritis."

As I'm writing this, I'm currently home for Easter weekend. It is a beautiful 70 degrees and sunny outside, and I'm happily prancing around the house in shorts and a T-shirt. Considering the flood of rain that overcame Massachusetts last month, the last thing I want to be thinking about is my Screenwriting outline due on Monday, or my Astronomy test that I should be studying for. Instead, I'd much rather be working on my tan.

This sort of attitude, this nonchalant bias towards any type of "work," is something that is very, very new to me. Up until a few weeks ago (right after my mild freak-out) I constantly prided myself on putting schoolwork first, and to have my grades reflect the time I put into my writing and studying for classes. Yet lately, this implausible sense of laziness has seemingly overcome my usual drive to do well, and as a result, I'm afraid my GPA may be taking a tumble.

Now, for all you juniors looking to plan your senior year, I have one bit of advice for you: stick to classes required for your major. Being a transfer student, I had electives and requirements which I needed to take before I graduated. So instead of sticking with material I know and excel at, I opted to take classes entitled "Intro to Digital Design," "Web Design" and of course, "Astronomy."

While the subject matter of these classes may be interesting to some, I spend the majority of my time either on Facebook while I should be editing a picture, checking my email when I should be building my website, and texting and/or sleeping when I should be learning about the sun, and how the earth as we know it is set to explode within the next 5 million years. (Now don't quote me on this; I clearly don't pay attention in class, so for all I know, the earth could combust tomorrow.)

While I'd like to say that as of right now, a sudden surge of energy and ambition will, from here on out, inspire me to do well within these last couple weeks, the effects of Senioritis are strong. The draw of summer, the need for sleep, and the longing to be done with 8 a.m. classes forever is quite forceful, if I do say so myself. As bad as I want to graduate cum laude, and to maintain my 3.8 GPA, I can say right now that it will be very hard. So if anyone knows a cure for Senioritis, email me! But until then, I'm afraid that I may be moving towards being mentally done with college for good...

## Ticketed on campus

By Kimberly A. Hooper

COPY EDITOR

You got another ticket for illegally parking somewhere your car didn't belong. So now what? Will you pay the ticket? Give it to your parents? Pretend you didn't see it? Throw it on the ground? Getting a ticket on-campus is annoying and expensive, but it doesn't mean you can throw it on the ground and forget it. After all, you're the one who is usually at fault for parking somewhere illegally.

Pulling into many of the parking lots on-campus can be difficult. The parking lot at Wolfe Hall can especially be a nuisance. I find myself circling the parking lot often trying to find an open spot, but sometimes it is just impossible. Many people who park there, not just students, either don't have a pass or they belong in another parking lot. Many students end up fighting for a spot or scrambling to find a spot on the narrow main roads. This is unnecessary and it is not difficult to follow the parking rules at Lasell.

I understand when the weather is bad, people do not want to walk from one side of campus to another. The easy decision is to get in your car and park somewhere closer. The catch is, you are more than likely to get a ticket. Many

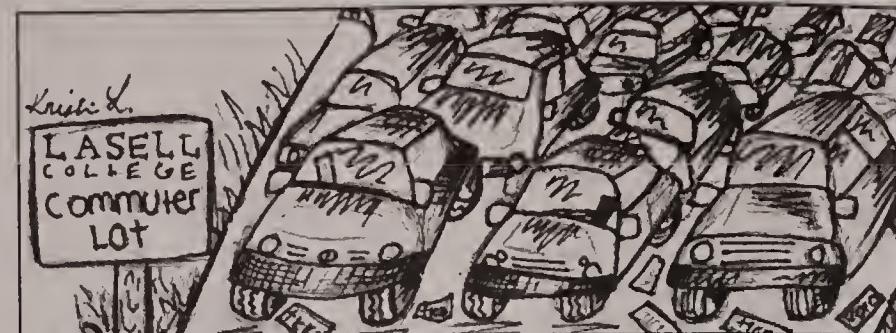


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times during the year I think about parking somewhere closer, but I remember I have a specific parking tag, and my car doesn't belong anywhere else.

One day this past February I came out to my car legally parked at Wolfe. I saw Campus Police ticketing cars. Hours later the parking lot was littered with parking tickets on the ground.

Do people just not care?

It seems like ticketing isn't doing the job keeping people from parking in spots they shouldn't be. Something else needs to be done.

The next time you find yourself parking somewhere you don't have a pass for think about the people who commute and those who need to be in the specific parking lots they requested. Take your ticket and don't just throw it carelessly on the ground. Be responsible for your actions. People pay good money to go to school here and parking illegally over and over is not fair to those who appreciate the parking rules.

Think next time before you act. You won't have to worry about arguing with campus police about being ticketed if you simply follow the rules and respect others.

## Give a hoot don't pollute

By Corrie Dockrey

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We were driving down the roads of Comm. Ave., admiring the beautiful and magnificent homes, that we as college students can only dream about affording, when the car in front of us had the nerve to flick a cigarette butt onto my ground. I say "my ground" because it is the Commons. You cannot take ownership of the highway and decide your cigarette can rest there. The Commons are not there for people to dirty and ruin. The issue that really hits home is littering.

The environment is changing, the rain forests depleting, the atmosphere heating, and while all of this poses a great tragedy to me, I am more concerned with my immediate surroundings. If people do not care enough to keep their own streets clean, how will we ever save the world? Not to sound superstitious, but that end of the world pre-

dicted in two years seems to be coming faster and faster.

Is mankind so lazy that we would rather pollute our own planet than wait until we can toss our waste into a trash can? Take a walk around campus early Friday morning and you'll see what I mean. Beer cans litter the Quad as well as ash and butts. For one thing, you're in college; can you really afford to throw away the five cents that can could earn you? If you don't like earning money back, can you really not walk the extra five steps to the trash barrel? You can spend hours perfecting how you look only to destroy the aesthetics of your environment. That's like taking your wedding photos in front of toxic waste! You're contradicting yourself and you are insulting your community when you decide to scar the land with your garbage.

So what can the community do to curb polluting? Start with your own community, get those people to care and watch it spread. I'm not even asking people to recycle, though that's not hard either. I'm simply asking you to save some squirrel from choking on your garbage by placing it in the trash. Once you get this down, we'll work on what we reuse. If my roommate can sort out recycling from the trash, I think you can at least throw it away in the first place. So be nice, throw it away, because there aren't any Green Police to monitor you, yet.

## Driving too fast?

By Ashley Jannino

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For all, college should be a safe environment for students. At Lasell, that is true, for the most part. One of the biggest dangers we face on this campus is how fast the cars drive up and down on Woodland Road.

Cars are constantly speeding down the street whether it is night or day. This is a huge issue for the students who have to cross the street in order to get to their classes or back to their dorms. Most times a student will have to stand at the crosswalk and let a line of cars go by before they can finally cross. This can be dangerous because a lot of times, students will get impatient and run across the street before the car comes.

However, the campus has tried to get drivers to slow down when driving through. At each end of campus there is a very large speed bump that is almost like a ramp. For some drivers, this does actually work and makes them slow down. For others, they speed up to fly over it. Once, a car went over the speed bump so quickly that the back bumper hit the pavement and sparks flew everywhere.

Within the past four years, two students have been hit by cars on Woodland Road, and one of those accidents was fatal. Two students too many and we can't sit around waiting for another accident to happen to learn from these mistakes. The Campus Police should patrol campus and start giving out tickets to anyone that is speeding or driving recklessly.

Although the speeders on campus are an issue, it is not all necessarily their fault. Many times students have been walking in the middle of the road instead of on the sidewalk. This is especially common on Thursday nights when everyone is out and drinking.

Since there is not too much we can do to patrol the drunken walkers, we should warn drivers to take precaution when driving through Lasell and definitely enforce a strict speed limit.

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## NEWS

# Shahid speaks about life in Pakistan

By Sara Brown  
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Humaira Awais Shahid is a human rights activist and journalist from Pakistan who spoke in March at deWitt Hall about politics and violence against women in Pakistan.

Shahid received her master's in English Literature and was a professor at Fatima Jinnah University for Women. She later worked as a journalist for the Daily Khabrain. It was her job as a journalist where she developed a strong awareness of violence against women and children. "I have held the hands of so many women of acid crimes and stove burnings...so many died in front of me," said Shahid.



PHOTO BY SARA BROWN

Shahid reminisces about the hardships of life as a woman in Pakistan.

Not being the one to stand back, Shahid decided to do something about the injustices women faced every day in Pakistan. "I rather choose to be an agent of change even if it means not being successful," said Shahid.

One of her biggest accomplishments and challenges was to pass the Punjab Private Money Lending Act which prohibited interest-based private money lending in Pakistan. She was the first parliamentarian in Pakistan to pass a law as a private member. This accomplishment took four years to happen.

"It was a very lonely struggle during those four years," admits Shahid. What made this chapter in her life even harder was the fact that her husband died in midst of her struggle for reform. Shahid went into a four month depression and rarely left her house. "I didn't know how to face the world without him."

One of the first days when she left home was to go to Parliament to see if her bill was going to be passed or not. Before reaching Parliament she was told that her bill was not going to be passed. Defeated, Shahid stood at the floor of Parliament waiting for her bill to die. However, one by one, politicians who had once opposed the bill rose with Shahid and helped get her bill passed.

"Something I wasn't able to do in four years happened in four minutes in front of my eyes," said Shahid.

Shahid advises anyone who is trying to make a difference to keep trying. "You have to keep pushing. You may not know what the outcome of your pushing is but it will change the world," she said.

# Beware of Bonnie

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These phony "Friend Requests" are not new. In a March 2010 article by USA Today titled, "FBI uses phony profiles on social networks to track suspects," it is said that FBI and other federal agencies are going undercover on Facebook, LinkedIn, MySpace and other social networking sites with fake profiles to gather information and communicate with suspects.

Some students think that by having campus police make profiles it is an invasion of privacy. When one student was asked if she knew who Alice Bonnie was, sophomore Ashley Carvalho said that while she did not, she accepted her because she thought she went to Lasell. If it is campus police, Carvalho does not think they should make fake profiles. "They went behind my back and I didn't do anything wrong," said Carvalho.

"I denied her because I knew it was fake right away," said Lasell senior Angelette Lopes. "I could tell it was fake by the pictures. We know everybody at Lasell and I have never seen

that girl. I don't know who it is. It could be the police or someone playing a joke on everyone."

Has the increased crime on the Lasell campus, for example the Woodland Hall robberies and the "Lasell College" sign vandalism, forced the campus police to create fake profiles in hopes of finding information leading to suspects?

Hoping to answer the question of whether or not campus police had a part in creating the Alice Bonnie's Facebook page, the 1851 staff reached out to Lt. Edward Conlin of the Lasell Campus Police via email. Conlin said, "No one in our department is aware of Alice Bonnie."

Students need to be aware of whom they are accepting on social-networking sites and they need to take advantage of the privacy protection that most sites encourage users to apply to their own pages. The next time you get a "Friend Request" from a student you think you go to school with, think again, it could be someone you would least expect.

~With contributions from  
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PHOTO EMBEDDED FROM FACEBOOK

Alice Bonnie's facebook page has similar content to that of a Deon College student's page.

# LCPD upgrades fleet: Paul Blart style

By Jordan Mayblum  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lasell College Police Department is upgrading their fleet of vehicles. They have purchased two new cruisers, including a sedan and an SUV. In addition, they are thinking about purchasing a T3, which is the three-wheeled device similar to a Segway that officers have been riding recently.

The device, which is valued at more than \$6,400, travels at speeds of approximately 18-25 mph and, according to Lt. Ed Conlin, allows officers to "perform the same functions as a walking beat with the added advantages of faster responses to emergency calls," he said.

Another perk, he said, is the fact that, "an officer using it doesn't consume gasoline."

The new cars, like any new vehicle added to the police fleet, replaced an obsolete model according to Conlin. Sgt. Jeff Sweeney said that such a move is necessary because the cars tend to take a beating with all of the bumps and corners that cars are forced to overcome.

Sweeney praised the T3 for its ability to move swiftly and navigate areas that cars could not. "It makes it easier to patrol the pathways around campus like in front of Wass and Wolfe," he said.

Amanda Comeau, a junior, was unimpressed with the new purchases. "[The T3] seems more reasonable than the SUV, but I don't think it'll make anything safer," she said. The T3 was first spotted on campus during the final days of March, and has been seen several times since. According to Conlin, no decision has been made in regards to buying the T3, but Sweeney

thinks it will ultimately be purchased.

The expense of the vehicles is cause for concern for students. Comeau called the decision to purchase an SUV, "a huge waste of money." That sentiment was echoed by sophomore Tyler Mello, who complained directly to the



PHOTO BY JORDAN MAYBLUM

The Lasell Campus Police have added two new vehicles to their fleet of cruisers and are considering adding a battery powered vehicle as well.

# Fashion class teams up with students in China

By Angelette Lopes  
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Professor Catherine Weiss' Apparel Product Development class has been quite the experience. This semester, Weiss decided to take on a new approach that would bring the course to another level. Along with focusing on the framework of product development the class has teamed up with students from Shandong University in Shandong, China.

The main goal is to create a four piece collection that appeals to each other's culture and consumer. Each of the classes have been split up into six groups with distinct categories including: Children's, Sleepwear, Denim, Career, Club wear, and Swimwear.

The teams have communicated with each other through Skype and Moodle. The exchange

has been beneficial and informative for both sides. As Vice President for Academic Affairs, James Ostrow described it as an "academically focused cultural exchange." Fashion Department Chair and Professor Mary Ruppert along with Ye Liu have also taken part.

Students have done extensive research on the Chinese culture and economy. Groups researched the future of fashion trends for Fall 2011 in their product category and were presented through Skype.

Overall, this experience has broadened students perspectives and has opened further possibilities for Lasell. As a result, the students from Shandong University wish to visit Lasell and have invited Lasell students to visit in return.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGELETTE LOPEZ

Skype allows students to communicate across the world.



## FEATURES

## Professors pursue passions

Faculty is more than what meets the eye

By Elisa Bronstein  
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Students only know their professors in the context in which they meet; the classroom. It's hard to believe, but professors have interests outside of the learning environment. Here's a look at what six professors at Lasell do outside the classroom that most wouldn't expect.

## PHD'S ON ICE

Humanities, Environmental Science and ice hockey. Any clue what these three things have in common? Well, Professor Dennis Frey, Chair of the Humanities Department who is easily recognized by his vintage Ray Ban-style glasses and Dr. Michael Daley, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, who also sports a fancy pair of plastic-framed glasses, hits the ice every Sunday at Boston University for some quality pick-up hockey with fellow Bostonians.

Frey began playing at BU in 2002 when he re-located to Boston. His preferred position is defense though he said, "the positions are normally fluid with folks playing whatever is needed." Frey balances family life, professional endeavors and extra-curriculars much like we students do.

It was not long until Frey and Daley realized they were both hockey enthusiasts. Frey admitted, "hockey players can be among the worst addicts when it comes to ice time."

Daley and Frey are teammates on the ice, but off the ice, it's a different story. Daley grew up in Peru, NY watching the Montreal Canadiens while Frey latched onto the Bruins because of his early exposure to them at the TD Garden in Boston with his grandfather. Daley said, "the Canadiens and Bruins rivalry is hockey's equivalent to the Red Sox and Yankees rivalry."

Daley played hockey when he was younger until about age 13 when he switched to downhill skiing. Since picking up hockey again eight years ago in Boston, he most enjoys the fast-pace of the game. He said, "while I didn't make it to the NHL, I'm holding my own in the D-level of the NESHL (New England Senior Hockey League)."

Both Daley and Frey's children have adopted their father's love for the game. Frey now coaches his twin's youth team and Daley's tiny toddler "has a small net and little sticks and insists on playing just about every day."

## GAMER'S PARADISE

As the General Manager of Lasell College Radio and Assistant Professor of Communications, it should come as no surprise that Professor Brian Wardyga has a collection of 2,095 retro video games.

Marketplaces like Ebay and Amazon make collecting games easier than ever before. His collection consists of video games from 1977 to 2007 with, admittedly, a few more recent games for entertainment, though he only began collection in the summer of 2005.

There is a method to his madness however. He explained in further detail how he makes his hobby a challenge and to limit his collections. "I create Top Video Game Collections. These Top Collections have a formula. For the 'best' systems I create a Top 100 Collection. For 'good' systems I create a Top 50, and for less-popular consoles, a Top 25." Confused yet? Well to make it even more complicated, within each of those collections are bonus games which represent 20 percent of the collection, for example; Top 100's have 20 bonus games, and Top 50's have 10 and so on.

So, do you play them or hoard them until family members nominate you for TLC's *Hoarders: Buried Alive?* "For now most of my time is spent collecting, however, I'm working on wrapping it up so I can actually play more often," he said.

Wardyga could easily lose track of his progress in collecting games so, as he said, "Long live Microsoft Excel." With Spreadsheets galore and a small closet (so he says...) for storage, Wardyga's quest for retro video games lives on.



Daley and Frey gear up for a friendly game on the ice.

PHOTO COURTESY OF PROFESSORS DALEY AND FREY

## PSYCH-

## EDELIC

## KARAOKE

Yes, you had her for Psych-101 but did you know then what you know now? I'm not referring to your psychoanalysis of your freshman roommate's sleeping patterns; I'm talking about Professor Sarahbeth Golden's love for karaoke!



This chronic karaoke-singing Assistant Professor of Psychology proclaims that, "Singing is always better with an audience!" Most people find karaoke to be the epitome of public humiliation. She says, "It sort of is, you have to be a bit shameless to karaoke." She attributes her desensitization to public humiliation to none other than we the people, err, students.

Over time, she has learned that karaoke isn't so much about singing as it is performing. Golden said, "I'm pretty tone deaf and my range stinks." So how does this repeat offender get away with it? Well, "I can perform," she said, "Distract the audience with wild movements... this way they don't notice my horrid voice."

Her "go-to" songs are Africa by Toto and Jesse's Girl by Rick Springfield. She is currently working toward mastering The Final Countdown by Europe (perhaps we should check in on her progress).

## "FLY" FASHION



As an Assistant Professor of Fashion Merchandising, you might think Professor Catharine Weiss' only interests lie

within that industry but au contraire. Would you ever have guessed she flies a 172 Cessna Skyhawk Aircraft?

Having been a self-proclaimed "road-warrior" for business, she began studying and memorizing routes from the air and paid close attention to details while she was a passenger on many flights.

What helped progress her passion for aviation even further was her mother's experience in the British Royal Air Force during

## MAN OF 100 VOICES

We all know the unforgettable, perhaps unbearable, voice of SpongeBob right? Did you know that adjunct Professor Jared Gordon was the man behind the voice at one time? Or that he is gaining increasing popularity as the Man of 100 Voices which was he performed onstage in 2008 for an episode of America's Got Talent in Las Vegas?

His interview with NBC's Today Show helped launch his reputation as the impersonator aficionado. He said, "My Man of 100 Voices videos on YouTube have been posted all over the place." Don't be surprised if you're in class with Gordon and he breaks into an impersonation. He said, "The look on people's faces when I bust out an impersonation... it's priceless!" He has been on the air for Nickelodeon, Saturday Night Live and Six Flags. He has also done promotions for A&E, Dairy Queen, and McCormick's Barbecue Sauce. He said, "I prefer the writing side of things so that's where I focus my creative efforts now-a-days." He added, however, that he does still perform on occasion.

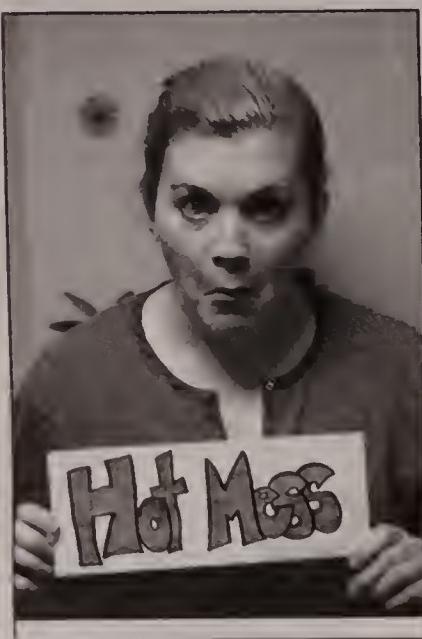
Gordon is not all just fun and games. He offered some useful wisdom to students. He said, "If there's something that you love to do, then you can waste your life doing anything but. You'd be shocked to see what doors will open for you if you're brave enough to approach them."

WWII. She would "romance flying" to her, Weiss said. "There was a certain glamour and excitement about it and it became larger than life to me."

Weiss participated in the Air Race Classic in 2008, which was started by Amelia Earhart. Over the course of five days, the women race from Montana to Massachusetts.

Flying is a family affair for Weiss. "I had my son take lessons when he was ten, he loved it," she said. As for her daughter, Weiss wants to instill in her the same things her mother did for her. "I want her to know that as a woman her possibilities are endless" and flying planes is just one way women can practice freedom of expression.

Most faculty and students had no idea Weiss took part in such an exciting sport. Student Megan Dougherty said, "I never would have guessed she flew planes. I've had her for a couple classes and it's hard to take a professor out of the classroom context." So remember, next time you see a plane in the sky, it could very well be your fashion professor.



By Deirdre McCombs  
ASST. LAYOUT EDITOR

As some of you may have noticed, my hair has changed quite a bit. I decided to dye my hair jet black to revolt against society. Just joking. I did it because everyone needs a little change in his or her life.

Now, this is a special column this issue. I've decided to write about two things. I decided to dye my hair on my own, which was my first mistake. I have never dyed it a dark color before so this was surely a challenge. I got myself all set up at the sink, put the gloves on and decided to just go for it.

As we all know, whenever I attempt something, it never goes right. At first, going from blonde to black seemed like an easy task, then I realized something. My head is abnormally huge for someone my height. I dyed the front and most of the back when that little fact of me having a giant head kicked in full force. I realized that I needed help NOW!

I had dye not only on my hair, but also on my face, my arms, the walls, the mirror and the sink. I decided to send the bat signal for help and ran around Forrest knocking on friends' doors. Now, to describe what I looked like is rather difficult. Some say it looked like I was beaten and some say I was covered in mud. Needless to say, it wasn't a good look for me. I knocked on one friend's suite door and their suite mate opened the door. It was like she saw a ghost. Her face dropped and I just stood there and laughed. Those friends weren't home so I had to go all the way upstairs to another friend's suite. Amanda opened the door and said, "Oh lord. I'll go grab your keys and help!" Amanda thankfully ran downstairs with me and dyed the rest of my hair.

The dye came off my skin and off the walls thankfully.

Most people don't know this, but on April 4, I decided to do something very crazy. I chopped off a lot of my hair. I was sitting in my friend Elisa's apartment and decided to ask if she would cut my hair. Some would say I lost my mind, but of course, Elisa went along with my crazy idea. I sat on the toilet and she began to chop off the long locks I've had for a while. Then all of a sudden it was at my shoulders and it just didn't look right. So we decided to cut off more and all of a sudden it was at my chin.

At first I was in shock, but then I realized that I loved it. You may ask, why on earth would cut off all your hair? Like I said change is a good thing. I hope this inspires you to do something new, like wear something you wouldn't normally wear or cut your hair just like I did.

# FEATURES

## Freshman year: Debunking what you think you know

By Christina Annicelli

1851 STAFF

### Myths

- You do not need to bring your entire house to college. If you forgot your Flavon-Bloated Goldfish or book light, you can get on the train and get them.
- That the upperclassmen will immediately shun, hate and haze the freshman because you are new. As a freshman you don't belong here and they will let you know it.
- You don't need a direct link to mommy's credit card. Most things are free, the best things are anyway.
- That everyone parties every night; some people actually study.
- That because you're in college, every party will be epic. You are not in an Asher Roth music video, sorry.
- That everyone is a fashion major.
- That the dorms are the size of closets.
- That no matter what, your roommate will be crazy.
- The workload is unbearable.
- That going to class is optional.

### Truths

- Everyone loves Frisbee.
- You will try things in the café that you never thought you would, but still get tired of everything the café has to offer.
- There are straight males at Lasell.
- Campus is small but walking the extra five feet to get somewhere will become extremely tiring.
- College dorms and students are dirty.
- You will become so cheap that even paying for T-fore and laundry seems unreasonable.
- You will love eating cheap and unhealthy foods like Easy Mac and Ramen Noodles.
- Getting sleep will become a chance occurrence like a solar eclipse or a rainbow forming.
- Naps are like gold.
- Everyone you meet will mention transferring at least once.
- Many people do not go to class, some think that a nap is worth \$300.
- There is always something to do on campus and if there isn't there is something to do in Boston.
- Febreze becomes your best friend.
- You will smell combinations of things that you never knew existed or care to know existed.
- You will see revoltingly rotten food about three times or more your freshman year, depending on how clean or dirty your friends are.
- You will be forced to wonder what compelled someone to punch a hole in the wall, write that on the wall or put someone's undergarments on the wall.
- Your USB-port will become as important as a limb such as an arm or leg.

# Wolfe window

By Miguel Taveras

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Four GDL (Graphic Design League) members took it upon themselves to do something special for Lasell day. Freshmen Adam Caporiccio, Andrew Ranalli, and Matthew Scully, along with sophomore Rachel Coelho teamed up to do a volunteer project for GDL, to make two paintings of two men that somehow changed human rights. The four decided to make two mural paintings of civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King and spiritual/political leader Mahatma Gandhi. When asked what the two leaders mean to him Ranalli said, "Both of these men inspired millions of people to change their way of life, and that inspires me to do the same."

The GDL members gathered on weeknights to work on the project for up to three hours a night. They worked in the Yamawaki first floor using paintbrushes. Using three shades of "Lasell blue" for the Gandhi painting and four shades for Dr. King, the group used around four cans of paint. With a deadline to have the paintings done by Lasell Day, they finished both paintings in four days. Along with the two murals is a painting of the new Lasell College logo and a quote from Gandhi. "I like working with a group that knows what they're doing, and all four of us were on the same page," said GDL freshmen representative Matthew Scully.

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Freshmen Adam Caporiccio, Andrew Ranalli, and Matthew Scully, along with Sophomore Rachel Coelho teamed up to create this display for GDL.

# To listen or not that is the question

By Emmalyn Anderson

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One goal a radio DJ has is simple: to please listeners. At Lasell College Radio, DJs are finding that getting their ratings up is a huge problem.

Adrienne Griffith, Station Manager at LCR, said some of the problem has nothing to do with how DJs perform. "With most people on campus, when you think radio, you think an actual radio station, not a web-stream," she says.

When asked if iTunes may be negatively affecting ratings, David Cox Maguire, a six year member of LCR, said, "possibly. I'll admit the fact that I actually listen to more iTunes than LCR even though I'm a DJ myself."

One thing that may contribute to this problem is losing listeners over student vacations. Corrie Dockrey, a DJ, pointed out that, "if you started listening [to LCR] in March and that's what you do and come May it's gone. You're not going to come back in September, you're going to find something new."

Griffith said that she has tried many things to gain attention for LCR. "With interviews, we've had a spike and also with sports broadcasting. Ticket give-aways and prizes help, but only for a little bit." LCR's General Manager and professor Brian Wardyga added that, "In 2008 to 2009, we gave away Bruins tickets, Red Sox tickets, and Celtics tickets, also four iPod Nanos. We also had an MC Battle

where we gave away an Xbox 360. They were complete failures."

Griffith remembered one band interview last year which gained 32 listeners after a band promoted it on MySpace. Yet, as positive as this was for LCR, there is one other issue that has an effect on the station. "We have a cap of 40 listeners at once, and we'd have to pay to expand. One day we had over 50 listeners for a tribute show after a DJ's friend had committed suicide, and we paid to expand that," said Griffith.

Sophomore Grant Vantine said when he listens he finds "dead air on occasion." According to Wardyga, this can sometimes be caused by power outages. "If the streaming computer is powered off or unplugged for some reason, it does take a human to reconnect the stream. Sometimes after an outage it won't come back on," said Wardyga.

Sometimes dead air is a DJ's fault. "I've seen one show come in three times," Dockrey said.

She also adds that some DJs do not play transitions, which are songs played between shows.

One thing Griffith hopes DJs can take comfort in is knowing they're not alone. "I went to the IBS conference in Boston, and other station managers had the same problem as we do."



By Sara Brown

CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

There are few things in this world I know to be certain: cheese is heavenly, the New York Yankees are products of Satan, and dating is one of the most horrifying experiences a person can go through.

At least for me it is. I have been on so many horrible dates that I can't really keep track of them. The number of first dates I have gone on doubles greatly the number of second dates I have been on. To be honest, when one of my friends has a horrible date, they call me up and ask me to tell one of my infamous dating disasters to them to make them feel better.

Growing up, I avidly watched Sex and the City (why my mother let me watch that show at my tender age is another story) and always fancied myself the younger Boston version of Carrie Bradshaw. I thought once I hit my twenties I would go out on the town, share drinks with my friends and meet my Mr. Big.

I haven't met my Mr. Big yet. But I have met "Mr. I Have Severe Mommy Issues," "Mr. I Can't Keep My Hands to Myself," and "Mr. I Love You But I Am Just Not in Love With You."

Now, before you get ahead of yourself, this isn't a tale about how I kissed a million frogs and eventually found my Prince Charming. I haven't found "the one" yet and the way it's going, I better get used to kissing frogs real fast and learn how to like it.

While this isn't a tale about finding your soul mate, it is a tale about the ability to laugh at yourself. I could easily sit around my room every Saturday night eating cookie dough ice cream and watching re-runs of Gossip Girl but I go out knowing all too well that another strange, slightly uncomfortable encounter with someone of the opposite gender is just around the corner.

I do this because, if anything, these encounters that happen to me are very funny. At parties, I am always the one with the best stories and I enjoy being the one my friends come to so I can make them laugh when they are having a rough day.

If I can't find the humor in the fact that a guy took me to Burger King for a first date once or the fact that my limo broke down during Junior prom and I had to walk home, then my life is going to seem a lot longer and more painful than I want it to be.

This way of thinking doesn't just apply to dating but life in general. We all have had situations not turn out the way we had hoped for, but instead of pouting about it, why not just laugh it off? Take it from someone with experience. Laughing really is good for the soul and makes you way more fun to be around.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Dear Rachel

By Rachel Amiralian

1851 STAFF



**Dear Rochel,**  
I've been feeling really stressed lately! I'm tired, going weight, my skin has been breaking out and I just overall feel miserable. Between school work and trying to figure out what I am going to do for summer I have been on constant overdrive. I really want an internship so I can get some experience and feel like I'm working towards my career but I need money! It's been hard to get organized and get my life back on track. What do I do?

Signed,  
Seriously Stressed

### Dear Seriously Stressed,

I am going to start off by saying, BREATHE. I'm stressed out from just reading your question! We all at some point or another get stuck in these ruts but don't worry I have plenty of advice to help dig your way out! Firstly, get some sleep. I know its college and you want to party, party, party but sometimes you have to say no to the beer and yes to an early night with some camomile tea. When we're exhausted our bodies and minds shut down and can't function to their best ability. Make your pillow your new best friend. Next, hit the gym. Exercise, even for people who aren't over-weight, is extremely important. It will keep your energy up and clear your mind. Remember to drink lots of water and eat better foods. I don't know how bad your acne is but when I hit a patch of stress and my skin suffered I tried the Glytone Acne Treatment. It cleared my skin right up! As for the summer, definitely get an internship. Experience is important and when it's time to find an actual job it will make the process easier. Internships help you realize what you love and what you don't love which will pinpoint exactly what you want in a career. A lot of times it's not about what you know but its about who you know. Use your internship as a prime networking opportunity. There are so many internships out there and if you just ask you may be surprised as to what you receive. The good thing about summer internships is that a lot of times they only require about 15 hours a week so even if it is an unpaid internship you will have time for a job with an actual income. Remember, at the end of the day everything is going to be okay as long as you are trying your best and reaching for your goals!

xoxo  
Rachel

### Dear Rochel,

I went to a party last weekend, got really drunk, and hooked up with my friend's ex-boyfriend. When I told her she completely freaked out! I think she is over-reacting because they broke up a year ago and I don't even remember it! She's in the wrong right?

Signed,  
Miss Right

### Dear Miss Right,

I'd like to know who established the idea that "I was blacked out" is a worthy excuse? Too many people think they can do what they want, blame it on the booze and get away with it! Let me clear the air for anyone who's confused out there... being drunk is not an excuse to be a bad friend. Yes, we've all made bad choices but it doesn't make those choices okay and it definitely doesn't hurt your friends and loved ones any less. Ask yourself if you would have done that sober. If the answer is no then it is safe to say you are in the wrong my friend. Put yourself in your friend's position. How would you feel? People make life more complicated than it needs to be. A good rule to live by is to treat others as you would want them to treat you. Don't confuse my words, there is nothing wrong with getting drunk and having fun, the problem is when people hurt others and don't take responsibility for their actions. Of course it's always easier to blame your mistakes on anything but yourself but none the less the harder way is usually the right way. Just be yourself and a good person and then you can enjoy alcohol without having the crummy side effects.

xoxo  
Rachel

## Shoulder to Shoulder '10

By Jordan Feeney

A&E EDITOR

While many college students across the country were tanning in exotic locations or visiting family and friends over Spring Break, eight Lasell students spent their week service-learning in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua.

Shoulder to Shoulder, Lasell's International Service-Learning program is what made this trip possible. According to their 2009 newsletter, the program describes themselves as, "a service-learning experience which provides opportunities for students to volunteer for literacy, public health, and social justice, while working side by side with community members, gaining understanding through cultural exchange, and examining issues related to poverty and development."

Newton community members have been visiting San Juan del Sur since 1988 through the Sister City Project. This project has built and /or renovated 17 elementary schools, launched the Workshop for Appropriate Technology and the Free School for Adults, among other projects. Lasell is new to the sisterhood, having visited twice so far.

"Shoulder to Shoulder is an amazing opportunity that more students should take advantage of," said Bre Liggan, a senior who participated in the latest service-learning trip to Nicaragua. "Not only do you get to see first hand how other countries live life, but you make connections with the locals that will change your perspective forever."

Liggan and other students returned from their experience in Nicaragua with smiling faces and opened hearts having worked on projects that varied from work with the Local Library Mobil, constructing eco-stoves for local homes, and assisting with the building of a center for battered women. "The shared experiences of community service, beautiful landscapes and adventures along the way brought all the students together and we bonded at a deeper level than you otherwise would at Lasell," explains Liggan.

For more information on the Shoulder to Shoulder program, visit [shouldertoshoulder.lasell.edu](http://shouldertoshoulder.lasell.edu) or contact Lydia Pittman, Head of Technical Services at Lasell.

## 'Little Monsters'

By Deirdre McCombs

ASST. LAYOUT EDITOR



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Lady Gaga fans are often referred to as, 'Little Monsters,' and a large majority of them populate the Boston area. This would explain why two back-to-back tour dates sold out in a matter of minutes. The strangest aspect of this phenomenon is that the show isn't until July 2010.

So what is all the hype about? Why is Lady Gaga so famous? "Her theatrical performances have brought back pop music and lifted it to a whole new level. Lady Gaga is not only a fashion icon, but also a natural born star. Her costumes and performances always have a deeper meaning to them than one might think," says Rizwan Samma, one of her 'Little Monsters' from Lasell. Clearly her fans are extremely dedicated and truly have a strong love for the infamous Gaga.

Lady Gaga made the Top 10 list of "Most Influential People of 2009" and has had five number one hits, including her first single, "Just Dance." Most people who don't consider themselves 'Little Monsters' would probably consider Lady Gaga's personality "out there," but the 'Little Monsters' find her to be a safe haven for the free spirits. Lady Gaga's Fame Ball Tour promises to give all her 'Little Monsters' quite a show.

## Good Apollo I'm Burning Connecticut

By Brian Yepez

CONTRIBUTING WRITER



Members of Coheed and Cambria

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Coheed and Cambria took their headlining spot to the weak resounding prepubescent voices in the crowd on March 29th. With a count of three we fought our way to the front, much to the disdain of everyone around us.

Claudio Sanchez and company were electric. I was literally blown away by the consistency of album to live show. Every strike of the drum was spot on and each strum of the guitar was flawless. The incendiary riffs of "33" made me long for the days when Coheed wrote more melodically.

This tour is promoting their newest release Year of the Black Rainbow; a dramatic turn since their debut album. Songs have become powerful, almost Godsmack-like in nature. To a musician, "The Broken" didn't exactly make sense, musically. The sound was too dissonant and disappointing for what I believed Coheed is capable of. It has become a wall of sound almost too much to take in.

Even the new drummer Chris Pennie rubbed me the wrong way. Josh Eppard, the

original drummer on The Second Stage Turbine Blade, really played the drums. I don't mean he kept a beat. Rather, he made the songs his own. Pennie can play "Time Consumer" exactly the way I know and love it. For some reason it doesn't have the same fire as the way Eppard conceived it.

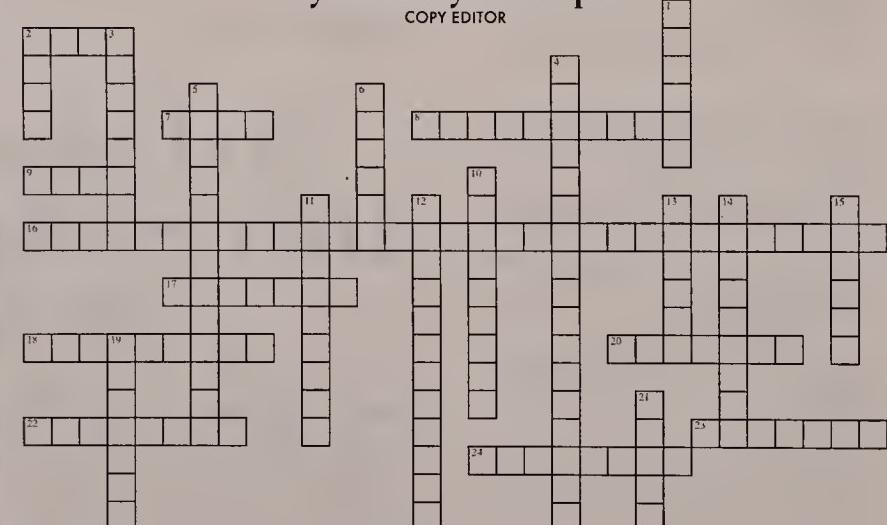
Coheed and Cambria is not a show to be missed. I have been waiting since I heard their first album sophomore year at Rutgers Lacrosse Camp to see them. What happened to the progressive band I used to know? They have gone the way of dinosaurs while their sound is slowly becoming more generic.

Coheed is like a wildfire. It starts with something small then blows up to uncontrollable levels. You look behind once the fire dies, and see only scorched earth left in its wake. Fans left disappointed, and standards of greatness slowly lowered to the status of mere mediocrity; Coheed is not supposed to be the band to lower standards.

## Lasell Life Crossword

By Kimberly A. Hooper

COPY EDITOR



### ACROSS:

2. Science Building
7. Year Lasell was Founded
8. Village where Lasell is located
9. New Residence Hall
16. Lasell Mission Statement
17. Food Provider
18. Dining Hall
20. Library
22. Bookstore
23. Not a State School
24. Campus Magazine

10. Where Student Work is Showcased
11. Type of Degree
12. Graduation
13. Original Lasell Gender
14. Lasell President
15. Post Graduates
19. Student Center
21. Coffee

(Answers on pg. 8)

### DOWN:

1. Mascot
2. New Residence Hall
3. Lasell Academic Calendar
4. Learning Outside the Classroom
5. Campus Newspaper
6. Athletes Nickname

## MUSIC NOTES

By Michelle McNickle

CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Singer songwriter Alicia Wiley is one of the few who effortlessly seemed to put pure poetry to music. Hailing from Minneapolis Minnesota, Wiley's newest album "Halfway Home" is a catchy version of a stereotypical coffee house soundtrack, only better. Her masterful piano playing is the perfect backing to Wiley's cultured voice and calming demeanor. While the majority of Wiley's singles posted on her MySpace are soft and easy tunes, interesting twists to her soothing sound include "Flame" and "Spell."



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Concert Review: The Moody Blues

By Jordan Mayblum

SPORTS EDITOR

There was plenty of energy at Constitution Hall in Washington D.C. when the Moody Blues took the stage, though the stage is where it stayed. Though the crowd, who reacted most to the line, "Senior citizens wish they were young," was somewhat quiet, the band made up for it with enough energy for everyone.

Drummer, Graeme Edge was the lone band member who showed signs of aging. He yielded heavier drumming duties to Gordy Marshall, who took the sticks and ran. Edge, just eight days away from his 69th birthday at the time, announced, "That's always been my favorite number."

Norda Mullen also joined the band that evening. Mullen took the place of now retired flutist, Ray Thomas. She answered the call admirably with a great all-around performance, including her strong solo during "Nights in White Satin."

As always, lead guitarist and singer Justin Hayward highlighted the performance. He continues to be a magician on the guitar and though he, along with the fans, has gotten older, his ability is still gracefully intact. He maintained energy throughout the set, right down to the strong finish with "Question" and "Ride my See-saw."

The band played many of their old favorites and hits, which certainly left even the most casual Moody Blues fans satisfied. The show did lull at times, however, that didn't drag the set down, as the more fast-paced songs dominated.

## F.S.S. Clothing Swap: A hit

By Alyssa Lusky

1851 STAFF

The Fashion and Service Society kicked off another successful clothing swap on April 1st with a "Blast from the Past" theme. The event was held in deWitt Hall. Participants enjoyed a delightful evening of music, fashion, and food. A Blonde Caviar Vintage Trunk Show was also on display.

Students were asked to bring gently worn clothing and accessories that they no longer used and wanted to remove from their wardrobes. For every article of clothing or accessory brought to the swap, students were able to trade for something "new" without spending any money. All the extra clothing was donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

"I am very pleased with the turn out of the Blast from the Past Clothing Swap," said Rhonda Jaber, secretary of the Fashion and Service Society. "At the end of the event there were a lot of clothes still to be donated to the Boys and Girls Club and we were pleased with the amount of money raised for [nonprofit women-led humani-



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Student rifles through used clothing

tarian action group] My Sister's Keeper. I can't wait for the next Fashion and Service Society clothing swap."

Raffle tickets were also sold and all proceeds from the raffle went to My Sister's Keeper. The raffle prizes included gift certificates from: Taste Coffee House, Salon 55, and LF Stores. A designer vintage bag and free limo service for a special night were also raffled off.

"It was a huge success for us considering the turn out. I feel like we finally achieved what we've been trying for the whole time," said Emily Levins, a member of the Fashion Service and Society. "Next for us this year is helping with

the Belle of the Ball in Boston and we'll hopefully continue with the amazing clothing swaps. Unfortunately, we're losing some really important members like our faculty advisor and president. We need some really passionate people to join and a new advisor to help."

## Boy meets world

By John Bicknell

NEWS EDITOR



At the end of the Johnny Cupcakes lecture on Tuesday night, those in attendance may remember the trivia questions about Nickelodeon programs from "back in the day." You might also remember the one person in the back who kept getting the answers correct. That was me, flexing my muscles in the knowledge of 90's Nicktoons.

Since that night I've been wondering: why do I remember all of these shows in such great detail? Most people can only remember their select favorites, but I can recall facts about almost every one of these shows from "Doug" to "Ren and Stimpy." Clearly, these programs left some kind of impression on my life and I realize there are a few specific characters that have had an impact on and shaped me in one way or another.

I can remember waking up on Saturday mornings and watching Tommy Pickles lead the crew of "Rugrats" on all kinds of adventures. Sporting only a blue tee-shirt and a screwdriver in his diaper, Tommy always had leadership qualities that made me strive to emulate him. He stood up for what was right and was 100 percent loyal to his friends. He also led the "Mega Diaper Babies" to victory against his pesky and annoying cousin Angelica. Tommy probably influenced me just as much as he influenced his closest friend, Chuckie Finster. Looking back, I can see that Tommy Pickles helped me become a leader and an optimistic thinker because he always had an idea and a plan to lead the group.

At one point, didn't everyone wish they had Arnold's bedroom? It was extremely high-tech and futuristic, yet he lived on the third floor of an apartment building which made it even more realistic. "Hey Arnold" might be the most highly acclaimed Nicktoon of all time by our generation, but one aspect of Arnold's personality that rubbed off on me was his love of jazz music. This doesn't necessarily mean that he persuaded me to love jazz, (even though I do; props to Harvey Weinstein.) but it means that Arnold taught me it was okay to go against the mainstream norm and appreciate all types of music. I haven't seen many iPods with as much variety as mine. I take pride in that and give thanks to Arnold for it.

Then there was Doug; a simple, quiet young man just trying to survive junior high. With the help of friends such as Mosquito "Skeeter" Valentine and his old pal Porkchop, he made it through some awkward situations that we can relate to. However, what I took away from Doug was his inability to confront the girl he loved, Ms. Patty Mayonnaise. It frustrated me watching Doug be awkward and chicken out around her. So, I decided I would always do the opposite of Doug; I would not be intimidated by any woman. It only hurts you in the end to keep feelings to yourself.

I guess what I'm trying to say is always cherish your childhood memories, because whether you realize it or not, they still affect you and can never be taken away.

## Drama Club

By Brian Cotnoir

1851 STAFF

The Lasell Drama Club will be performing their spring rendition of "Crimes of the Heart" later this month.

"Crimes of the Heart" is a play written by Beth Henley and takes place in the town of Hazlehurst, Mississippi. It is the story of the MaGrath sisters, Babe, Lenny, and Meg, who have gathered at home as their grandfather spends his final hours in the hospital. Meanwhile, one of the MaGrath sisters is being charged with the attempted murder of her husband, while another returns home after her singing career failed to take off in California. Together, the three MaGrath sisters must help their family through a time of fear and confusion.

Professor Hortense Gerardo is directing the show and features students, Lauren Ennis, Carissa Woolf, Kara Heretakis, Diana West, Colleen McCleary, Brian Cotnoir, Lindsay Holcomb, Grant Vantine, and Sally Jean-Baptiste.

Be sure not to miss the Drama Club's second show this year. "Crimes of the Heart" performances will be held in the Yamawaki Center on Thursday April 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. and April 17 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

## Surrender your iPod

Compiled by Jordan Feeney  
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Walking with earphones in on campus is no longer safe. Students beware of being seen with your iPod. You may be asked to surrender and explain all...

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### 1. "I Like Them Girls" by Tyrese

"I heard this song in a club and it was just the best song to dance to. I wanted to dance to it all night!"

### 2. "Chopped N Skrewed" by T-Pain feat. Ludacris

"I haven't heard this song in so long! It brings me back to summer '08."

### 3. "I Love the Way" by Gabriel Antonio

"I hate this song. I don't even know why it's on here! It's just a classic party song."

### 4. "Heartbreak Warfare" by John Mayer

"I downloaded this song because it's popular, but I really don't listen to it. Everyone has at least one John Mayer song on their iPod!"

### 5. "Whatever Tomorrow Brings" by Incubus

"This is just a chill song and it reminds me of my brothers. Plus, I like acoustic everything!"

## Artist Review: Vicci Martinez

By Brian Cotnoir

1851 STAFF

On March 7, musician Vicci Martinez performed at the Campus Center and brought a fresh musical sound for all to enjoy. Martinez, who hails from Tacoma, Washington, played an acoustic-solo set performing many original pieces that she had written herself. Martinez has a sound reminiscent of many great female musicians of the 1990's such as Alanis Morissette, Jewel, and Lisa Loeb. When asked where else she draws her inspiration from, Martinez responded with musicians such as Dave Matthews and Sarah McLachlan stating that she "ad-

mires the energy they bring to a show, than the actual music."

Words to describe a Vicci Martinez performance would be, amazing, fun, and intimate. Martinez often took time between songs to explain the meanings of the piece she was performing. If you weren't able to be at the Vicci Martinez show on campus, then you should definitely check her music out online or tune-in to Lasell College Radio at radio.lasell.edu, where Vicci Martinez is currently a featured charted artist.



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Vicci Martinez performs.

# PLAYER PROFILES

## RUGBY Aidan Watson

By Jordan Mayblum  
SPORTS EDITOR



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Sophomore Aidan Watson is very involved on campus. Not only is he a founding member of the Lasell rugby team, he's also an RA in Woodland and a member of the Acapella Club. Though rugby is new to him this year, he's excelling on the field as a forward lock.

"I always wanted to play but never had the opportunity."

One thing that is not new to him is his love for music. In high school, he played the trumpet for a ska band comprised of him and several friends. He maintains his love for music, playing and singing in his free time. In addition to trumpet, he's been teaching himself how to play the guitar and he said, "It's coming along nicely."

Watson, a first year RA, said the job, "wasn't what I expected." He enjoys the work that he does but added that finding the balance in relationship between "friend" and "resident" can be tough. "It's definitely the most fluid job I've ever had," he said.

His music taste is wide ranging, with some of his favorites including Reel Big Fish, Coheed and Cambria, and Saosin. He's also a big movie buff as evidenced by his large collection in his room. His favorite, he said, is "Gladiator" starring Russell Crowe.

A hospitality and event management major, he's unsure exactly what he wants to do after college. "I picture myself owning a sports bar or a pub, something like that," he said. Though he's not a huge sports fan, he said he really enjoys the atmosphere of sports bars.

Now that he's in college, his athletic activity is limited to rugby. However, in high school he played several sports, including football and soccer for a year each and track and field throughout his high school career.

## LACROSSE Riley Fickett

By Kimberly A. Hooper  
COPY EDITOR



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Sophomore Riley Fickett, who is #17 on the women's lacrosse team, is enjoying her second year on the team. Fickett plays low-defense and has just recently shifted to mid-field defensive wing.

"I love playing lacrosse because it is such a fast-paced sport," said Fickett.

Fickett is studying Communication with a concentration in Creative Advertising. She hopes to design fashion advertisements for magazines once she graduates from college. Fickett is currently the only sophomore on the team and she looks forward to the seasons ahead as a leader.

Fickett enjoys drawing, spending time with friends and reading. Her favorite book is "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. Fickett also loves attending local concerts and has recently been to concerts by New Found Glory and her favorite band, Copeland, which is currently on a farewell tour. In addition, she enjoys listening to indie rock and loves Italian food like pasta.

When it comes to TV and movies Fickett has many favorites. "My favorite TV shows right now are Glee, and Greek," she said. "I also love The Office, Family Guy, and The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. My favorite movie is Little Miss Sunshine."

Fickett plans to travel this summer to France, Monaco and Italy in May and will be returning to Lasell in June as an Orientation Leader.

# SPORTS

## Spring sports 2010: captains' take

By Brandon Chase

1851 STAFF

The 2010 spring sports season is well underway at Lasell. The baseball, softball and men's and women's lacrosse teams are at the hearts of their seasons as postseason play looms large. Each team's captains are a large part of their success and this is what they've said about their seasons so far.

"With our level of play this season, I am confident that we will reach our team goals," says junior April McGrath, the women's lacrosse captain. At press time, the women's lacrosse team holds a 6-4 record and is second in their conference.

"Hopefully we will finish at the top of our conference and be successful in the post season," McGrath said. She cited clutch performances from newcomers as part of the team's success, saying that all the incoming freshmen have stepped up this year.

The baseball team has high expectations for this year, their second as a varsity sport at Lasell. "We made it to the GNAC conference playoffs and I fully expect us to be there once again," sophomore captain Josh Sullivan said. He's established a list of goals that he thinks are attainable this season, including a top four finish in the GNAC with a record, "around .500," he said.

The Lasers have had a tough start to the season on the diamond, but he expects a turnaround, saying that the team no longer can use the excuse of being a first-year program.

In men's lacrosse action, their season is moving at a different pace, but senior captain Eric Walsh believes that his team can finish strong.

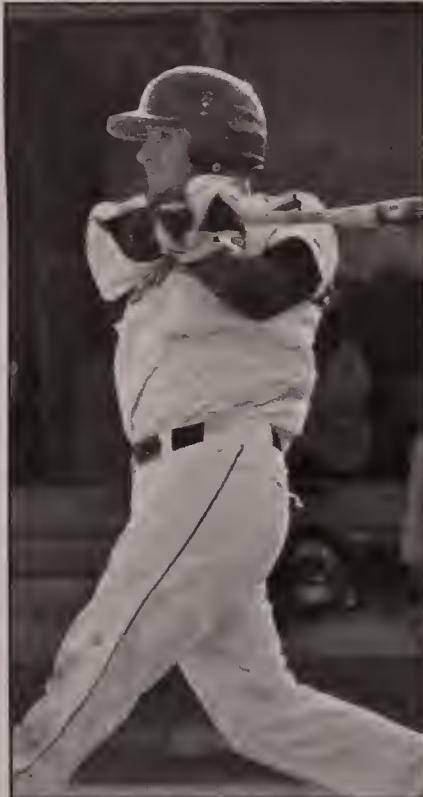
"We just need to stay confident. Having a losing record can be mentally tough, but the games behind us don't matter," he says.

The team's record stands at 1-7, but league play is starting and Walsh thinks that is when the team will shine.

"I see us doing great in the Pilgrim League and making the championship game and getting to the NCAA tourney," says Walsh.

Each captain has a positive outlook as to how their seasons will turn out. They are pleased with their team's performances and just like the New England weather, the spring sports season is just starting to warm up.

*~With contributions from Sean Ruderman and Jordan Mayblum*



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(Top left) The softball team has dropped three in a row to fall to 9-14-1 on the season. (Top right) The Losers have been swinging the bats well this season but haven't been able to convert that into wins thanks to shoddy defense. (Bottom left) The Losers remain in the playoff mix with 14 games remaining against teams trailing in the standings. (Bottom right) The Losers record currently stands at 2-11, though captain Josh Sullivan sees them finishing in the top four in the GNAC playoffs.

## The window seat

By Jordan Mayblum  
SPORTS EDITOR

Who said the Red Sox can't hit?

Sure, they may have had a dreadful spring at the plate as a team, but that didn't stop them from unleashing a 9-run attack on the Yankees to start the season. Whether that's a precursor to an effective offense this season or just an infrequent occurrence remains to be seen.



One thing that does not remain to be seen is whether the Lasers baseball team will struggle on defense. The team has committed 31 team errors through 13 games this year and, not surprisingly, the Lasers have only won two of those games.

The most telling statistic of all is not the errors themselves, but the runs they've led to. On the season the Lasers have given up 36 unearned runs and they've been outscored 126-74 on the year. Take away those runs from mistakes and that score becomes 90-74. Wow.

The softball team, on the other hand, is still very much in the race with a 9-13-1 record so far this year. They recently fell into 6th place in the GNAC with 16 games remaining in the regular season. The outlook is a positive one going into the second half of the year because 14 of its remaining games are against teams that are currently behind Lasell in the standings.

Back outside the window, the men's lacrosse team has been struggling to start the year, falling to 1-7, with their most recent game being a loss at home to Babson (5-4). No wonder it's been much quieter on Grelleier Field recently. It certainly sounds like a lot of the optimism going into the season is tempered quite a bit now.

The Lasers still have Pilgrim League play to look forward to so there's still a chance they can turn this around.

While the Lasell baseball and softball teams were each on long road-trips over spring break, I took the time to go on a major league scouting mission of sorts. After attending several Grapefruit League stadiums, it's become obvious that spring training is the most fan-friendly environment there is.

Unless you're a fan who'd like to see the Yankees play at home, that is.

The Yankees, unlike every other team in baseball, play in a cold and distant environment devoid of the fan-player interactions unique to the spring training atmosphere. And that's not just a shot at the Yankees, it's just a casual observation.

All the stadiums provided a relaxed and fun atmosphere at a ballgame that isn't as easy to come by up North. By allowing fans to sit pretty much wherever they want during spring training games, teams like the Pirates, Phillies, Red Sox, Rays, Tigers and Orioles are the big draws. Though those Yankee games may sell out, they certainly don't provide the tranquil atmosphere inherent in pre-season baseball. Not even in batting practice, where the Yankees' security force will stand between you and any contact with the men on the field.

## CROSSWORD KEY

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